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Upcoming Events

Gospel Singing

TISHOMINGO - March 28, 2015

The Horn family will host the 36th Annual Gospel Singing March 28 at the Chickasaw Community Center, 1203 Ray Branum Road, Tishomingo, at 7:30 p.m. All singers and listeners welcome! Concessions will be available.

Spring Music Concert

ADA - April 11, 2015

7 p.m., at the McSwain Theatre, Ada.
Contact: (580) 272-5520.

Art Market

TISHOMINGO - April 11, 2015

10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Council House/Capitol Grounds on the campus of the Chickasaw Capitol, Tishomingo.
Contact: (580) 371-3351.

Moccasins Class

TISHOMINGO - April 11, 2015

1-3 p.m.
Council House Museum, Tishomingo.
Contact: (580) 371-3351

Basket Weaving

TISHOMINGO - April 18, 2015

1-3 p.m.
Council House Museum, Tishomingo.
Contact: (580) 371-3351



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Chickasaw license plates popping up across state!

ADA, Okla. - Pauline Brown had been looking forward to Feb. 2 with great anticipation.

While some look forward to the date to see whether a groundhog predicts the end of winter, this Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame honoree, cultural preservationist and fluent speaker knew it was the first day she could tag her car with a Chickasaw Nation license

plate.

For decades, Mrs. Brown has wished she could display a tag showing she is a citizen of the tribe that has always been such an important part of her life.

That wish came true for Mrs.

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Pauline Brown displays the 2015 Chickasaw Nation license plate she purchased Feb. 2, the first day they were available.

Dr. Goodnight to deliver Dynamic Women keynote address



Dr. Karen Goodnight will be the keynote speaker at the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities' Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Dr. Karen Goodnight, 2014 Dynamic Woman of the Year, will be the keynote speaker at the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities' Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum.

The conference and forum are set for Thursday, April 16 at the Artesian Hotel and Spa and Friday, April 17 in the Anoli Theater on the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, both in Sulphur. The conference will feature sessions during the day and a special forum Friday morning.

Dr. Goodnight's distinguished career has been dedicated to improving education opportunities for Chickasaw citizens. She has also spent many years training tribal leaders. She has more than 17 years of experience in executive leadership and management training. She is particularly skilled at helping individuals identify and develop their unique leadership strengths and talents.

Dr. Goodnight is owner and manager of Goodnight and Associates, LLC. The firm specializes in high-level

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Tribe named 'Distinguished Oklahoma Institution' by OU Health Sciences Center

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation was honored by the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in January as a "Distinguished Oklahoma Institution." The tribe was recognized for providing quality medical care to Native Americans and Oklahomans.

Governor Bill Anoatubby accepted the award.

"The growth and accomplishments of the Chickasaw Nation have been due to so many people - talented people - who have been and are dedicated to the Chickasaw people we serve," he told a gathering of hundreds of OU medical school alumni at the event.

The award cites the tribe "for outstanding support and assistance in advancing biomedical research that addresses major disease, particularly diabetes and cancer, and for promoting efforts to reduce health disparities among Native Americans and for being a catalyst for medical excellence and high-quality

health care for all Oklahomans regardless of means."

Since 1987, the Chickasaw Nation has opened satellite health clinics in six communities within its territorial boundaries. Additionally, the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, dedicated in

for the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said in remarks at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

"We strive to provide the very best, quality health care to Chickasaws. We set the bar high in health care for our people and

other Native Americans. The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health focuses on providing health care, and also preventive health care. Our wellness initiatives promote a healthy lifestyle.

"As Governor, one of the things I'm most thankful for is the progress in the area of health care that has been made. I am very humbled to be here this evening to receive this award on behalf of the great Nation I serve. This honor belongs to the Chickasaw people and Chickasaws throughout

this country," Gov. Anoatubby said, adding, "and I accept it on (their) behalf."

Dr. Jay Cannon and Clay Bennett were also honored during the event. Dr. Cannon received the Distinguished Medical Service award, and Mr. Bennett received the Distinguished Community Service award.

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The Chickasaw Nation was honored Jan. 29 by the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center as a "Distinguished Oklahoma Institution." Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, accepted the award on behalf of the tribe. He was joined by Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance, left, and Under Secretary of Tribal and Community Health Christopher Anoatubby. The tribe was honored for its state-of-the-art medical facilities serving the needs of all Native Americans and Oklahomans.

2010, has experienced exponential growth, treating 514,000 patients in 2013 and filling more than 1.2 million prescriptions. The 370,000-square-foot Ada facility houses state-of-the-art medical equipment to provide health care to Indian people.

"Health care is one of the more important things you can do for any people. Health care has been and will always be a priority

Chickasaw artist 'Best in Show' at Denver

DENVER - Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood's *Native Sisters* was named "Best in Show" at the 22nd Annual Coors Western Art Exhibit & Sale in Denver.

"Brent Greenwood is a very talented artist who pays tribute to Chickasaw culture and history in his work," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "He is a credit to the Chickasaw Nation. This award is a great reflection on his talent and dedication to his craft."

Native Sisters depicts Native American women from three different tribes.

"I am extremely humbled to have been chosen for this award," Mr. Greenwood said. "Although most of my work does contain some kind of narrative behind it, it's refreshing to know that people can still connect to my art without knowing the full interpretation."

Best known for his historical

and abstract acrylic paintings, he strives to connect with art lovers on an emotional and spiritual level.

A native Oklahoman and contemporary artist of

Chickasaw and Ponca heritage, Mr. Greenwood was born in Midwest City, Okla. He is a fine arts disciplines graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts and Oklahoma

City University. He serves as Indian Education Program Assistant for Edmond (OK) Public Schools and will return this summer to teach at the

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Art judge Lara Evans, left, congratulates Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood, whose *Native Sisters* art won Best in Show at the 22nd Annual Coors Western Art Exhibit and Sale in Denver.

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executive performance coaching, strategic planning and leadership and organization

development. During her career, she has also served as Chickasaw Nation Director of Head Start and Early Childhood programs and as Chief Training Officer for the Department of Commerce. Dr. Goodnight, a resident of Goldsby, Okla., earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a master's degree in administration from East Central (OK) University. She completed her Ph.D. in instructional

leadership and academic curriculum at the University of Oklahoma in 2012. At the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Goodnight taught college-level courses while working as a graduate assistant and a graduate research assistant. Dr. Goodnight is a member of the national Social Studies Organization and the Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi. In 2012, she won the Chickasaw Nation Research and Publication Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation for her essay "Chikashsha Poya Tingba: Coping with the Devaluing of Diversity in America: A Study of the Perspectives of the Chickasaw Tribe." A native of Ada, Okla., Dr. Goodnight and her husband, Stan, have three children, Kyle, Madie and Katie. In conjunction with the conference and forum, artwork showcasing the art of Chickasaw women will be exhibited. The conference and forum are open to the public. Luncheon tickets are available for pur-

chase by March 27. For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

About the Artist: Molly Humphrey, a freshman at Byng (OK) High School, is the 2015 Chickasaw Nation

butterfly art contest winner for this year's Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum. Molly's artwork will be featured on promotional materials for the April event. The panel of judges chose Molly's artwork from the art submitted to Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities. Molly, of Ada, Okla., has been an art participant for the last three years. When she isn't drawing, you can find her playing softball, basketball or hanging out with friends. All submitted artwork will be framed and displayed during the 2015 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum, April 16-17 in Sulphur, Okla.

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2015 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum winning butterfly art. Designed by Molly Humphrey a student at Byng High School.



Molly Humphrey, a freshman at Byng (OK) High School, is the winner of the butterfly art contest.

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Brown and for thousands of Chickasaws living throughout Oklahoma last month. "I don't know if I was the first Chickasaw in Pontotoc County to get the tag, but I was one of the first, Mrs. Brown said with a broad smile. "I'm really proud. It shows how far we have advanced (as a tribe). Now, wherever we travel it tells others what tribe we are. We are very proud of our tribe. I put it on my car and stood there and admired it for a long time. I couldn't believe it." The first Chickasaw Nation plate for a motorcycle was purchased in Pontotoc County by Garry and Elizabeth Harrison. Both work for the Chickasaw Nation and are excited to be the first in Oklahoma to buy the motorcycle tag. "We have taken day trips



Garry and Elizabeth Harrison with their Harley Davidson motorcycle tagged with a Chickasaw Nation license plate.

trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and Cherokee, North Carolina, last summer," Mrs. Harrison said. "We meet lots of nice people on our trips and having a Chickasaw Nation tag on the bike will a great conversation starter. We're proud to have the first one sold and bought it now even though our tags are paid up until May. We just couldn't wait." Chickasaw leadership last year inked compacts with the state that cleared the way for the tribal tags.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby announced at his October State of the Nation address Chickasaw tags would be available in 2015. "We are very pleased to work with the state to offer Chickasaw Nation license plates," Gov. Anoatubby said at the time. "These tags offer Chickasaw citizens a very visible way to demonstrate their pride in being Chickasaw, while keeping funding for schools, roads, state employee retirement, wildlife conservation and other state programs intact." Chickasaw tags are sold exclusively at state-licensed tag agencies across Oklahoma. Chickasaws purchasing

tags must present their Chickasaw Nation citizenship card and pay the same fees and taxes any Oklahoman would

pay. After the transaction, the Oklahoma Tax Commission will notify the Chickasaw Nation and send a rebate for a percentage of the fees and taxes. After the tag is purchased the Chickasaw Nation will issue the rebate to the citizen. Mrs. Brown was fortunate. Her tag was due for renewal. However that may not be case for all Chickasaws, like the Harrisons. For those who wish to purchase the tag between renewal dates, additional fees for a replacement tag may be charged. Standard fees and taxes will apply on tags purchased during regular renewal cycles.



Chickasaw citizen Steven Sweat and his wife, Lois, of Stonewall, Okla., show off their new Chickasaw license plate.



Chickasaw citizen Edison Sealy with his new Chickasaw license plate.

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Indians can declare ACA exemption on federal tax return

Citizens of federally-recognized tribes are exempt from provisions and penalties of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Indian citizens may declare exemptions at any time. A government form will be needed when filing 2014 tax documents if the exemption

has not been claimed. Indians are not required to purchase health insurance under the ACA due to coverage through U.S. Indian Health Service. Uninsured Indians preparing their own taxes are encouraged to fill out Form 8965 as a declara-

tion of their exempt status. The form and the tax return are then sent to the Internal Revenue Service by the postal service or via the Internet. If a tax preparer is hired, Natives should inform the preparer of their exempt status and the

need to complete Form 8965. Deadline for federal tax returns is April 15. Citizens are encouraged to telephone Pam Benedict, benefits coordinator, at (580) 421-5492 if they have questions concerning the ACA and how it pertains to

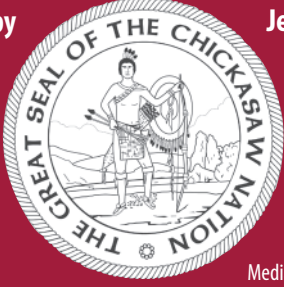
Native Americans. Indians interested in exploring ACA options may purchase, or cancel, health insurance through Marketplace Exchanges at www.healthcare.gov any time.

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We set our goals, hit our marks, and make progress...together!



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

When you make a plan for success, it takes more than simply setting the goal.

Having that goal to hit is tremendously important. But you must also put the steps in place that will get you to that goal.

When a runner decides he is going to compete and win a marathon race, he has set his goal. In order to achieve his goal, he must now plot out his training strategy and follow through. How many miles will he run each day? What types of running will he do? Will the plan include sprints as well as distance training? How about diet? What he eats and drinks each day is important. How much time should he allow in advance of the race for train-

ing?
To reach his goal, the runner must plan out all his steps to maximize his opportunity to win.
It's precisely the same type of process we have employed at the Chickasaw Nation to hit our goals.
Progress doesn't just happen. It is the result of planning, hard work, good people and the will the carry on through the tough times. All of us who are Chickasaw citizens can be proud of the progress we have made and the goals we have hit!
A good perspective is important when considering our tribe and what we have all achieved together.
I think perspective is a bit easier for our elders. All of them recall the times when we had very little except each other. We relied on our communities and our willingness to help each other when there was nothing else for us. Often it was just a little food, or some dry shelter that was offered. That's what we had, so that is what we shared.
Today, things have changed for the better. We have together built a robust and resourceful tribe that manages many programs and services, all designed to always improve Chickasaw lives.
We set our goals, and we set in motion our plan to reach those goals. We understood very early that we would encounter obstacles - some of them quite significant - along the way. We couldn't anticipate what all those challenges would be, but we did know

that we would persevere through the worst storm to get where we were going. And thankfully, together, we have made giant strides!
Yes, we have made a lot of progress. We have come farther than most thought we ever would. We can be thankful for hitting those goals. We have achieved so much because we set our plan early and worked it hard.
And there is so much more ahead of us! We simply don't tire of setting goals, then going out and achieving success. That's the Chickasaw way!
When I'm on my way to work each day, I consider all the hard work and sacrifice contributed by the Chickasaw generations who came before us. They went through some terribly tough experiences, and they made it through. They built our foundation of hard work, innovation and perseverance on which we have grown our tribe.
I come to work each day aware of the mighty history of the Chickasaw Nation and how we have together overcome so much to be where we are today. It takes people working together toward a positive goal. We are blessed to have traveled so far down this road to prosperity.
Progress is great, but it's just a word unless you are truly helping people. That's our unchanging mission, to improve the quality of life for the Chickasaw people. Let's honor our ancestors by redoubling our efforts, developing great new initiatives, and doing the right things for Chickasaws everywhere!

CALLING ALL CHICKASAW VETERANS!

Save the Date for the Chickasaw Veterans Conference

May 18, 2015

WinStar World Casino & Resort Thackerville, Oklahoma

Among other items, the conference will include a Warrior Society Luncheon and discussion, which will be open to all Chickasaw Veterans and Active Military.

For information, visit Chickasaw.net/VetConf or call Stacy Wesberry at (580) 795-9790.

Chickasaw Cultural Center Easter Celebration

Easter is around the corner and the Chickasaw Cultural is celebrating April 4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with Easter Egg Hunt. The entire family is invited to attend the hunt and participate in other activities. Visit the Chickasaw Cultural Center, located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

For more information about any of the upcoming events, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at 580-622-7130, or online at www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

Programs & Services Directory available

The 2015 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

This month on CNTV

Three Sisters Festival
This month, the Chickasaw Cultural Center will celebrate spring with the Three Sisters Festival March 9-22. Watch CNTV to catch all the sights and sounds from this annual event.

Citizen Profile – Megan Scott
Also this month, meet Megan Scott. Ms. Scott is taking on the challenges of teaching the next generation of young people through the highly competitive Teach for America program. Find out more about her experience this month on CNTV.

First Encounter
The Chickasaw Nation took top honors at the Trail Dance Film Festival in Duncan. The film First Encounter won the award for Best Short Documentary. Learn more about this fascinating film on CNTV.

....and much more! New episodes are available on the first and 15th of each month. Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.



Road, a photograph of a lonely stretch of State Highway 81 and a starry sky near Hennessey, Oklahoma, attracted photographer Jim Trosper's attention. This photo and many more are displayed in art shows in Oklahoma City and Tulsa in February and March.

Shows featuring work in OKC, Tulsa through March

School-to-Work student finds outlet in photography

EDMOND, Okla. - The timelessness of the universe is Jim Trosper's canvas.

It's ever-expanding and awe-inspiring.

When Mr. Mr. Trosper aims his Canon 5D Mark III camera toward heaven, he hopes the resulting photograph will open minds and inspire introspective wonderings about life - primarily life as experienced by the viewer.

"I've always been interested in how vast is the universe," he said. "You are not able to wrap your mind around its immenseness. One does not have the ability to comprehend how large it really is."

Mr. Trosper's photography will be featured in Oklahoma City and Tulsa shows.

The Chickasaw man is showing approximately 20 photographs at Tree and Leaf Printshop, in Oklahoma City's plaza district off 16th and Blackwelder. Foolish Things Coffee Company in Tulsa began showing his work last month. Foolish Things is located near downtown Tulsa at 1001 S. Main.

Mr. Trosper's show in Oklahoma City will last one month and the Tulsa show will continue for two months.

UP AND AT 'EM

Through the photo-sharing medium Instagram, the photographer's cosmos shutter clicks were admired by Tree and Leaf personnel. The group agreed on his participation in the upcoming show. The Tulsa opportunity came through networking the right folks.

Capturing the universe is not an easy task. Often, the workday begins in the wee hours of the morning with a two-hour drive to the scene of the shoot.

His favorite photo is Road. The 30-second timed-exposure, taken at an aperture setting of F-4, captures a clear starry sky and a lonely stretch of road near Hennessey, in central Oklahoma. The lights are aglow in Enid and can be seen vividly. Even wisps of the Milky Way are visible.

"The darkness makes it possible to capture images of things people take for granted," Mr. Trosper said.

"The exposure is long enough to capture space - to allow the stars to really 'pop' - yet short enough so the planet's movement doesn't blur or streak the stars."

It is photography unlike anything he has seen. Tree and Leaf personnel agreed. While shots from deep space via the Hubble Telescope have provided Americans with "gee whiz" images since its launch in 1990, ground-based photography of space is rare.

INSPIRED WONDER

Mr. Trosper, currently in the Chickasaw Nation's School to Work program, has honed his skills at Remington Park, Oklahoma City Zoo, Science Museum Oklahoma and other facilities in the Oklahoma City Adventure District.

He is proud of his work and hopes to continue photography for the rest of his life.

He enjoys the paradox between how insignificantly small earth and man are in the universe, but what a significant part each plays within it.

"I think these photographs address one thing about that as



Jim Trosper, photographer and participant in the Chickasaw Nation's School to Work program.

well," Mr. Trosper said. "We're small, yet we're large. We see hate crimes, terrorism, racism, climate assault ... and have a tendency to wrap ourselves

within that context when it doesn't necessarily have to be like that. Look up and be inspired."

The photos to be displayed almost didn't happen through personal frustration and a mental block.

"The first few photographs were lackluster at best," he said.

Experimenting with shutter speeds, lens apertures and "having a sturdy tripod," Mr. Trosper finally found success. But he kept pushing himself to produce even more "wow-factor" photographs, thanks to his Chickasaw grandmother and support from his parents, Patty and Kevin Mr. Trosper, of Edmond.

"I take great pride in being Chickasaw," Mr. Trosper said. "I refuse to be anything other than the best, and I am willing to work at being the best. My grandmother instilled that in us at a very young age. It's in the blood of all Chickasaws."

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OETA to air tribe's First Encounter, tops at Trail Dance Festival

DUNCAN, Okla. - The inaugural film of the Chickasaw Nation's Chickasaw Heritage Series earned top honors for Best Short Documentary at the Trail Dance Film Festival in Duncan in January.

Oklahomans will have an opportunity to enjoy the award-winning Chickasaw Nation documentary on Oklahoma Education Television Authority (OETA) March 19 at 7 p.m.

First Encounter chronicles the Chickasaws' introduction to European explorers in 1540, the tense relationship between the tribe and conquistador Hernando de Soto's expedition, and the fiery battle that virtually ended de Soto's mission.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said it was important to note the documentary told the story from the Chickasaw point of view.

"Hernando de Soto is a significant historical figure who had a profound effect on the Chickasaw Nation and the history of North America," Gov. Anoatubby said. "While our first encounter with De Soto has been told from

other points of view, we believe our perspective adds significant context to the historical narrative."

The Trail Dance Film Festival is a globally-recognized premiere film hosted annually in

Duncan. It began in 2006 as a way to showcase Oklahoma as a major filming destination and to spotlight Oklahomans in the movie industry. It has since transformed into a national and international competition.

First Encounter is the first film in the Chickasaw Heritage Series.

"We believe our tribe's first encounter with Europeans is a great place to begin this series," Gov. Anoatubby said. "In coming years, we plan to produce documentaries which will offer additional insight into the role the Chickasaw people have played in American history."

The award comes just as the Chickasaw Nation is making First Encounter available on DVD release to the general public. Currently, it is available for purchase at <https://www.chickasawoutpost.com/p-282-first-encounter-dvd-format.aspx>. Wider distribution is planned.

The tribe's first

foray into film-making was in 2010 with release of the 107-minute, critically-acclaimed motion picture Pearl, celebrating the early life of Chickasaw Hall of Fame member Pearl Carter Scott. She became the youngest pilot in the United States to fly solo on Sept. 12, 1929. She was 13 and trained under famed aviator Wiley Post. Pearl may be purchased at Amazon and other major outlets.

The Chickasaw Nation completed filming Te Ata in October 2014. The movie is in post-production. A release date has not been announced. The film shares the story of Te Ata Thompson Fisher, a Chickasaw entertainer and storyteller, and member of the Oklahoma and Chickasaw Nation halls of fame. She was named Oklahoma's first "Treasure" in 1987.

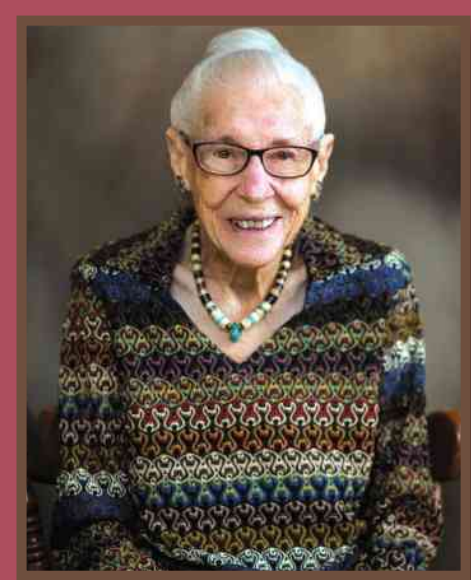
Cast members include actress Q'Orianka Kilcher as Te Ata; Gil Birmingham and Oscar-nominated actor Graham Greene.

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In a scene from First Encounter, Chickasaw warriors prepare to rain arrows on Hernando de Soto's expedition. The film, the first in the Chickasaw Heritage Series, was judged Best Short Documentary at the Trail Dance Film Festival.

Four to be inducted into 2015 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame



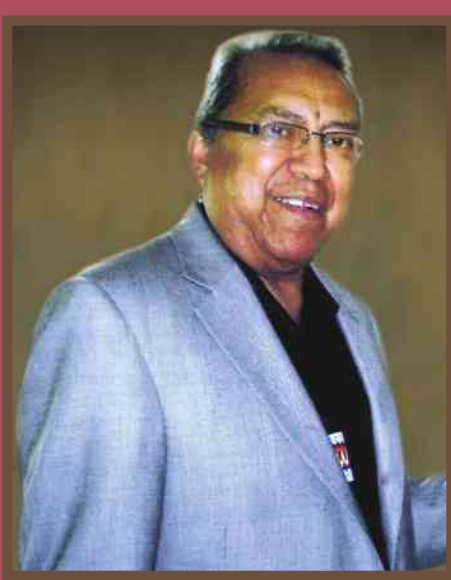
Thelma “Chincie” Ross



Homer Paul



Rose Shields Jefferson



Rev. Jefferson Davis “Sonny” Frazier

NORMAN, Okla. - A historic preservationist, a humanitarian, a protector of the Chickasaw language and a spiritual leader make up the 2015 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Induction ceremonies will take place at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 7, at Riverwind Showplace Theatre in Norman.

Governor Bill Anoatubby will take part in the ceremony inducting the new class of honorees.

Thelma Ross, of Tuttle, Okla.; Homer Paul, of Oklahoma City; Rose Shields Jefferson, of Ada, Okla.; and the late Rev. Jefferson Davis “Sonny” Frazier will be honored and recognized during the ceremony.

“As we induct these worthy individuals into the Hall of Fame we pay tribute to the indomitable spirit they have displayed throughout their lives,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “While each of these individuals is unique, they share an uncommon passion for life that enabled each of them to do great things. These men and women remind us that true success is measured by the positive impact we have on others.”

Thelma ‘Chincie’ Ross

Thelma “Chincie” Ross has dedicated her life to serving the people of her community and enriching the lives of both community members and Chickasaw citizens.

Volunteering for years as the self-appointed guardian and caretaker of the Silver City Cemetery, the 97-year-old Chickasaw citizen has protected a place of substantial historical value to both the Chickasaw Nation and the state.

The cemetery, located near Mrs. Ross’ hometown of Tuttle, Okla., is the burial site of the city’s namesake, James Harley Tuttle and several of his family members.

For several years, Mrs. Ross and her husband Richard “Dick” Ross dutifully kept the cemetery mowed and clean, in addition to preservation of cemetery records.

The Rosses didn’t limit their volunteerism to one cemetery; they also dedicated time and attention to the Fairview Cemetery, using their own funds to make improvements such as lighting and to aid in the comfort of those who have loved ones buried there.

Born Sept. 9, 1917, near Tuttle, Mrs. Ross was given the nickname “Chincie” by her father, Turner Cochran. It is a Native American word for “beautiful flower.”

Athletic and intelligent, she earned a scholarship to Central State University, Edmond, Okla., now known as the University of Central Oklahoma. But an injury suffered on the basketball court plagued her. After a lengthy convalescence, the scholarship was withdrawn.

She transferred to her mother’s alma mater, Haskell Institute, where she studied business.

Upon graduation, she worked in various positions with several tribes including the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Choctaw and Chickasaw. She also worked with American citizens of Japanese descent during the post Pearl Harbor era.

She later moved to Arizona and helped process paperwork for Navajo tribesmen who would serve as famed Code Talkers during World War II. Code Talkers stymied enemy code-breakers by speaking their own code in their

native language.

While living in Arizona, she met Richard “Dick” Ross. They married in 1947. When he was honorably discharged, they spent a short time in Ohio before relocating to Tuttle. He, too, made huge contributions to Tuttle and is remembered fondly. He died in 2005.

A vital member of the Tuttle community, Mrs. Ross served as the town’s first librarian, historian, and voter registrar and contributed to countless city projects.

Mrs. Ross continues to enrich the lives of Tuttle citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were honored by the Tuttle Chamber of Commerce as Citizens of the Year. Active members of the Tuttle Christian Church, they worked tirelessly on a multitude of projects benefiting the small community they called home.

In 2009, Mrs. Ross was honored during the Tuttle High School 100th anniversary by serving as a parade marshal. She was honored again in 2013 by local citizens and elected officials when they formally dedicated the Thelma “Chincie” Ross Meeting Room at Tuttle’s new city hall.

She is also the subject of a portrait by famed Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen, who created a two-volume series featuring Chickasaw elders.

Mrs. Ross has been an active member of the Chickasaw Nation northern Pontotoc community council for many years.

Even though she is closing in on the century mark, she tries to assist whenever needed. Her laughter and spirit continue to spread joy and as she shares the lessons of the tribal ways from many years ago.

Homer Paul

Homer Paul has devoted his life to community and economic development, and now provides upcoming generations with ample opportunities to follow the path he forged.

Known as “responsibly creative” during his distinguished banking career, Mr. Paul accomplished several milestones since taking his first job at Liberty National Bank in the late 1950s.

During his 54-year career Mr. Paul led two banks to become substantial and successful financial institutions, one from startup and one from \$77 million to more than \$200 million in assets.

The military veteran served as president of the Oklahoma Bankers Association in 1980 and was active in the banking industry until his 2004 retirement.

Mr. Paul’s path to a successful career in the financial industry took many twists and turns which included military service, law school and an abundance of hard work and dedication.

Born in 1932 into a distinguished Chickasaw family, Mr. Paul was raised on the family farm 2 miles southwest of Pauls Valley.

The great-great-grandson of Pauls Valley founders Ala-Teecha, a full-blood Chickasaw who traveled from her ancestral home in Mississippi to Indian Territory, and her husband, Smith Paul, Mr. Paul attended Pauls Valley public schools, where he was known as an outstanding student and athlete.

Although his father died in 1949 when Mr. Paul was a junior in high

school, he entered the University of Oklahoma in 1950 and continued his record of outstanding achievement.

After earning his bachelor’s degree in 1954, Mr. Paul joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served active duty for two years, including service in Korea and Japan. A proud U.S. Marine, Mr. Paul achieved the rank of colonel.

When released from active duty in 1956, he entered the University of Oklahoma College of Law and graduated with a juris doctorate in 1959.

Mr. Paul pursued a career in banking, which began with a business development position with Liberty National Bank. His storied career included chartering the Nichols Hills Bank and buildings its assets to \$90 million, to guiding the successful development of the once-troubled Citizens Security Bank in Bixby, Okla., where he retired as president.

Known as a philanthropist, Mr. Paul has generously given to the University of Oklahoma, primarily to the College of Arts and Science and the College of Law.

He and his late wife, Ramona, have also given substantial sums to Oklahoma State University; including the endowment of a professorship in the Early Childhood Education field.

Mr. Paul co-founded an endowment to fund an annual scholarship award to an outstanding University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University-bound graduate of Pauls Valley High School, and is a financial supporter and contributor to many charitable organizations.

When nominated for a position on the board of Chickasaw Nation Industries in 2008, Mr. Paul readily accepted. He has been committed to the success of CNi and has made positive contributions as a board member and distinguished himself in the service of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Paul has been a Rotarian for 51 years, which started in the Navy ROTC at OU. He has also served as director at Oklahoma Blood Institute, Boy Scouts of America-Oklahoma City Council board member; trustee, National Fraternity Phi Gamma Delta Educational Endowment; chair of the Oklahoma Finance Authorities and board member for the United States Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Oklahoma and has been active in numerous civic and community affairs in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa area communities.

In 2005, he was the recipient of the University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumnus Award.

By his achievements and benevolent works, Mr. Paul has brought additional honor and distinction to the Paul family name and the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Paul is the fourth member of the Paul family to be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame. William G. Paul was inducted in 2003, Samuel Paul in 1999 and Judge Haskell Paul in 1994.

Rose Shields Jefferson

A fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language who grew up speaking only Chickasaw, Rose Shields Jefferson devotes much of her life to sharing and teaching Chickasaw language, heritage and

culture.

Her outgoing, effervescent, personality has allowed her to connect with people of all cultures and she can be often be found telling others of her rich Chickasaw language.

Mrs. Jefferson, a full-blood Chickasaw, serves on the Chickasaw Language Committee. She has been influential in developing “new” words in the Chickasaw Language, along with taking part in the development of the Chickasaw Nation Language app.

She believes when teaching the language, hearing and speaking Chickasaw everyday leads to gradual, yet effective, comprehension and mastery.

Mrs. Jefferson is an active member of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Chickasaw Nation Senior Center, Ada; and National Indian Council on Aging. She also serves on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

Born July 25, 1944, to Minnie Allen Shields and Joseph Shields, Mrs. Shields is the oldest of 13 children, 8 girls and 5 boys.

A 1965 graduate of Haskell Institute, she studied commercial cooking and uses those skills, along with the culinary skills her mother taught her to make her famous pecan pies and peanut and pecan brittle. Mrs. Jefferson also spends many hours cooking for friends and family for holidays and special occasions.

She is also well-known for creating beautiful bead work, sewing and quilting. She sews for surgery patients at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and makes Chickasaw regalia for special events, including the Three Sisters Celebration at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

An active member of the Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church, Mrs. Jefferson also participates in the Chickasaw Elder Choir, singing traditional hymns at events and gatherings.

Mrs. Jefferson was awarded the 2006 Chickasaw Nation Circle of Honor Silver Feather Award and named an AARP Indian Elder Honoree for the State of Oklahoma in 2013.

She is also the subject of a portrait by famed Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen, who created a two-volume series featuring Chickasaw elders.

Rose and Marion Gene Jefferson were married July 25, 1974, and recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Together they have three daughters: Drucilla Jacob, Denise Clark and Deedra Jefferson; six grandchildren, Dustin Newport, Courtney DeCoteau, Stonie Rose Stepps, Catie Hamilton, Nikkie Stepps and Zackary Stepps; two great-grandchildren, Elijah Edney, Jr. and Jaxon Moore.

Rev. Jefferson Davis ‘Sonny’ Frazier

Known as a mentor, educator, counselor and spiritual leader, the late Jefferson Davis Frazier touched the lives of Oklahoma public school and Carter Seminary students; patients and families of the Chickasaw Medical Center and parishioners of Boiling Springs United Methodist Church during his life.

Born Sept. 5, 1946, in Stonewall, Okla., to Frank Frazier and Geraldine Alexander Frazier, he gradu-

ated in 1964 from Tupelo High School in Tupelo, Okla., and went on to earn an undergraduate degree in government and a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from East Central University.

During his career as an educator, Rev. Frazier provided counseling in the Oklahoma public school system for more than seven years prior to working with the Chickasaw Nation education program as the program director for more than 17 years.

When he served as director of Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Rev. Frazier had a passion for Native American students who attended under his guidance. He made sure the students were being educated and also meeting their needs to ensure they fulfilled their goals.

Rev. Frazier was appointed chaplain for the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. He was called upon many times to perform services for people, such as revivals, funerals, spiritual needs or preaching sermons. He loved his job as a chaplain and served for five years.

He also served as pastor for Boiling Springs United Methodist Church near Lula, Okla. Rev. Frazier had a deep passion for Boiling Springs UMC, because this was his boyhood church and an important part of his life.

At the church he shared his culture and heritage in a multitude of ways and was committed to keep his culture and heritage alive. He always taught his church congregation native hymns to keep the native language and songs going. Rev. Frazier served other churches as a pastoral minister for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference in Oklahoma and Dallas.

He was well-known throughout the Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma. He was a dedicated and distinguished man toward his ministry and family.

Rev. Frazier left a true legacy within the Chickasaw Nation through his employment and as a minister throughout the Chickasaw Nation. He died Feb. 4, 2012, at the age of 65.

About the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, RSVP information

The 2015 Chickasaw Hall of Fame ceremony will take place Thursday, May 7, at the Riverwind Showplace Theater in Norman.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 6 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 525 guests.

Reservations will be accepted beginning April 6. To make reservations contact Brielle Helm at (580) 436-7258 or email brielle.helm@chickasaw.net.

In 1987 the Chickasaw Nation began honoring Chickasaws who made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community by induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Since then, many Chickasaw men and women have been nominated and inducted into this prestigious circle of honor. Induction into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw by the Chickasaw Nation. For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

The coming of Spring signals time for all Chickasaws to become active

Greetings from the Tishomingo District! I would like to start by saying that I truly hope all of my fellow Chickasaw Citizens from everywhere in the world have many blessings during this past holiday season and as we begin this new year. I also want everyone to know that I am truly thankful to serve as your legislator. The many people I meet and have fellowship with are the greatest blessing to me.



STEVEN WOODS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

This month celebrates the first day of spring. It's a truly wonderful time as we are ready to welcome the warmer weather. The Seniors can look forward to farmers markets and even starting their own gardens.

Its also time for the students to start thinking about summer youth and camps. It really is getting close. Applications are about to be due. You should check with your local area office for availability and deadlines.

Spring is the time when all the summer programs take applications and start back up. So if there is something that you look forward to every summer, now is the time to start finding out about it. You may think its to

early, but summer is just around the corner. Many of the camps are starting soon so please make sure you don't miss the deadlines.

As always, please continue to share your ideas, questions, and concerns.

Your Legislator,
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Tribal recording secretary celebrates 30 years of service to Chickasaw Nation

Accolades for one of our own here in the Legislative Branch! Doretta Sellers received her 30 year service award ring at the annual Employee Service Awards Banquet held January 29, 2015. Ms. Sellers works

as the Tribal Legislature Chief of Staff and Recording Secretary. A



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



Doretta Sellers shown with her 30 year service award ring at the annual Employee Service Awards Banquet.

position she has served in since her first day on the job working for the Chickasaw Nation. Her grandmother is the late Ella Perry Scott, original enrollee #77. Doretta and her husband, Jerry, have been married

for 33 years and have two sons, Scott and Jeramy. She enjoys activities with her family, camping, ATV riding, gardening, and reading. Congratulations Doretta for a job well done. We are proud of you.

Every now and then it is fun to meet with citizens and spend some time together. Recently, Margret Smith from the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council was in Ardmore, Oklahoma and agreed to meet me at the Madill Senior Center for lunch. She had never visited a Chickasaw Senior Center and was excited to go. We had a great lunch at the Center, took a tour of the building expansion/ upgrades and enjoyed visiting with other seniors from the area. Margret is a member of the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council and is currently serving as the council secretary. She has a keen sense of adventure and is very



(Left - Right) Mary Jane Lowery, Former Chickasaw Nation Tribal Judge Margaret Smith, North Texas Community Council Secretary Lori Tyner, Site Manager, Madill, Senior Nutrition at the Madill Senior Center.

active in several organizations. She also enjoys traveling and thrives on great Bible Studies. She just might turn up again at the Madill Senior Center or if I can convince her, she might pop in at the Panola Center in Colbert, Oklahoma one of these days! OK Seniors, get those traveling shoes on and be prepared to get out there and mingle! Hope to see you at the next big event.

Equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:21

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Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee backs funding for continued research

Hello everyone, I hope you are having a pleasant winter and as I do, look forward to spring very soon.

I recently attended the quarterly Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee meeting in Rockville, Maryland. This was my first meeting since being elected as the new Chairperson.



CONNIE BARKER

Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

During our meeting, we discussed the many ways our tribes benefit from the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, and are working hard on your behalf to ensure that Congress supports funding for this program. Annually, \$150 million is budgeted for this special program to help tribes combat diabetes and discover ways to prevent the disease, and still tribes need more money.

We meet quarterly with the Acting Director, Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., MPH, to discuss how local tribes and grantees are managing their programs, share success



Connie Barker and Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Chairperson and Acting IHS Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux.

stories and network our ideas for successful programs.

Rest assured, your national Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee is looking out for your best interest.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Pickens District Seat 2 Legislator and current Legislative Chairperson.

God bless you, Connie Barker

Intrinsic value of 'home place' goes far beyond financial considerations

Hello Everybody,

One of my most important responsibilities is the care of our family's home place. It was originally allotted to my grandpa, who was full blood Chickasaw. It is where my mother was born. It is where I was born. It is where my brother and my granddaughter live. It is where we gather as a family, and it is where our family cemetery is. This year, it will have been in our family for 115 years.

We are so fortunate to have it, and sacrifices endured by my grandparents, my mother and my uncle made it possible for us to have what remains of it today. To keep it, Grandpa had to deal with an inept, if not corrupt, Bureau of Indian Affairs agent. He had to relocate the family and barter, trade and negotiate his way through the Great Depression. At several extremely challenging times, he could have sold the place and used the money to live easier or better. In fact, he did have to sell half of it to survive as an injured vet and diabetic providing for our family. Looking back, I'm sure selling even any part, much less half the place, must have troubled him considerably.

He used to warn us against ever selling the place, saying if you keep it, "You will always have a place to come back to, and they can't starve you out down here." He would go on to explain, "There is good water. You can hunt, fish and grow your own food."

That reasoning is as valid today as it was in his day. As I use the experience of my own life challenges to better understand challenges in Grandpa and Grandma's, Mother's and Uncle David's lives that cash from the sale of the home place would have solved, I appreciate beyond words the sacrifices they made to keep the place.

Also, I see Grandpa's sacrifices to keep as much of the place as possible and communicate to Mother and David to do the same as a selfless act of love that is reaching far beyond his years on this earth.

By doing whatever they had to do to keep the land and pass it along, Grandpa, Grandma, Mother and Uncle David were showing love for my generation and for future family members they would not know on this earth. It is like they were and still are communicating a message of care, safety and love by leaving us the land. That is incredibly humbling to me!

Preserving the home place also illustrates a level of wisdom to which I will always aspire.

I'm sure the story of my home place and the challenges to keep and care for it are not unique among Chickasaws. Share your home place stories with your family. Like me, you may find personal messages and lessons that reach through and beyond years.

Respectfully,
Katie



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Outreach through technology will keep you engaged with your tribe

Chokma! Greetings from the Tishomingo District! What a great time to be Chickasaw! Regardless if you live within the Chickasaw Nation or any other places around the globe, our tribe is using available technology to keep us connected to our language, history and culture and to one another.



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Web sites such as Chickasaw.net, Chickasaw.tv, and even Facebook and Twitter help us stay up to date on the events, people and news of our tribe.

Language apps such as "Anompa" help us learn the Chickasaw language and the "Chickasaw Times" app keeps us informed and updated, all from our mobile device.

The Chickasaw Nation Facebook page and Twitter are great ways to get up-to-the minute information and see great photos of our facilities and people.

Our tribe has made great strides to stay current on the latest technology and use it as an avenue to fulfill the mission of the Chickasaw Nation: to enhance Chickasaw lives.

Chickasaw pride is also evident in the large number of Chickasaw citizens who tagged their car with the

Chickasaw Nation license plates, which became available in Oklahoma last month.

The tribal tag compact Gov. Anoatubby signed with the state late last year is a win-win. We, as Chickasaws, are able to demonstrate our Chickasaw pride while vital funding for our community roads, schools, and other state programs is kept intact.

For those Chickasaws who live out of state and wish to demonstrate their Chickasaw pride, similar bumper stickers and decorative front plates are being developed.

The strides we have made in the past two decades are the realization of hopes, dreams and goals of yesterday and the fulfillment of ideas which were never fathomed.

I am very proud, honored and humbled to have had a very small role in the progress of our Chickasaw Nation and look forward to working with you to set and accomplish new goals!

For more information about the above topics, visit www.chickasaw.net.

As always, thank you the privilege of serving as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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Small Business Development Center will help with your entrepreneurship

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, how are you? Have you ever thought about starting your own business? Do you have a great idea, but you just don't know where to start? We have a great resource right here in the Chickasaw Nation. The Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center is available to help make ownership of a successful business a viable option for Chickasaw citizens by providing access to educational, operational, marketing, and financial resources.

The CNSBDC was developed in 2008 to help Chickasaw business owners and entrepreneurs become successful by providing such things as one on one business counseling, economic development assistance, and specific training. The CNSBDC utilizes federal, state, and local governmental programs in assisting small businesses. The CNSBDC also provides personal credit evaluation and credit repair planning, if necessary. You can contact the CNSBDC at (580) 559-0774 or at our website, www.chickasaw.net. There you will find helpful articles on general things to consider when starting a business, such as: preparing a business plan, how you will structure your business, choosing a business name, establishing a commercial bank account, considering the best form of advertising, protecting yourself with the necessary legal and insurance coverage, and much more.

Some of the services provided by the CNSBDC include credit counseling, debt structure planning, financial goals, feasibility studies, bank relations, assistance in locating funding, and referrals to specialists in various fields that might help you in starting your business.

Our people have always been creative and industrious people. We have many small business owners who would like to grow their businesses but may not know where to start. I recently spoke with a young lady, who has a dream to start her own pet grooming business. She is currently working hard at learning her trade, saving money, and planning for her business. The CNSBDC is available to her and all Chickasaw citizens at no cost.

If you dream of starting your own business, please contact the CNSBDC to see if they can help you make that dream a reality. Hope to see you soon, and please let me know if I can help you in any way!

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
Nancy
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NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Veterans' trip to Washington a wonderful experience for everyone

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. We have a busy month with lots of resolutions to consider. They have been placed on the Legislative Session agenda and we will vote on them the 20th of February.

We attended community council meetings at Purcell, OKC, Newcastle and Phoenix, Arizona. Ten Legislators attended in Phoenix and we all enjoyed the good crowd and the opportunity to get acquainted with lots of new Chickasaw friends.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I so enjoyed a visit with Berman and Patricia Wisdom. Berman was one of the Chickasaw veterans who made the veterans' trip to Washington, D.C. in November. They told me of all the wonders of the trip and especially the excellent care given to the veterans and families by the staff who traveled with them. Patricia needed a wheelchair and one was provided for her. Words could hardly express their gratitude and appreciation for the Chickasaw Nation providing the trip. All who went said the trip was wonderful

and their favorite

part was the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Please notice the picture of Berman, Patricia and me.

Four Legislators attended lunch at the Pauls Valley Senior Site. We stayed with a large number of family and friends to celebrate the 68th wedding anniversary of Melvin and Betty Crabtree. The reception served Coke and punch and we four, David Woerz, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus and I took a pictures with the bride and groom. Betty is the Chickasaw and they have two daughters. Very few couples enjoy 68 years together and the Crabtrees are very blessed.



David Woerz, Dean McManus, Melvin and Betty Crabtree, Nancy Elliott and Mary Jo Green at the Crabtree's 68th wedding anniversary at the Pauls Valley Senior Site.

Chi ihullo li! I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you. Chipisala'cho!

When you register and vote, you make a great contribution to your tribe

If you have turned 18 recently, or if you are about to turn 18, you've got a big responsibility!

No, it's not about choosing a college or a career. It's about voting!

When you turn 18, you become eligible to vote in US elections. And just as importantly, you can now vote in Chickasaw tribal elections. Both are tremendously important!



DAVID WOERZ

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Voter registration is easy, but you must remember to follow through and make sure you are a voter.

Soon after you turn 18, you will receive a letter from our Chickasaw tribal election secretary inviting you to become a Chickasaw voter. You will complete the enclosed Citizenship/Voter Registration, choose the district in which you will be voting, sign the form and return it in the provided stamped envelope.

That's all there is to it! Once you have completed these simple steps, you can vote in Chickasaw tribal elections. Your participation in these elections is critically

important. Each vote is a message to our elected leadership on how Chickasaw people see the tribe moving ahead.

I know most young people do most of their business online. There is plenty of help for you at www.chickasaw.net. From the home page, click on Services, then click on Register To Vote. You can then click on the Citizenship/Voter Registration form pdf if you have not received on in the mail. Simply print it, complete it, sign it and send it back!

For help over the phone, just call our Chickasaw tribal election office at (580) 310-6411 or toll free at (888) 661-0137.

Congratulations on turning 18! We welcome you to the roll of Chickasaw voters and look forward to your participation!

Pilling receives Institute of Chemical Engineers award



Mark Pilling received the Industry Leadership Award given by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Mark W. Pilling, a Chickasaw, and manager of technology at Sulzer Chemtech USA, Inc., was the recipient of the Industry Leadership Award given by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at the organization's annual meeting in November 2014.

Mr. Pilling is a recognized expert in distillation. He has served the profession by promoting the development of

a fundamental understanding of mass transfer devices.

The Industry Leadership Award is a national level award presented to individuals or teams working in industries served by chemical engineers.

It recognizes accomplishments in management, sales and marketing, public, community, and industrial relations, and public service.

Ann Miller honored for economic development work; named winner in '40 Under 40' awards

PALM BEACH, Fla. – A Chickasaw woman has recently been honored for her work in community economic development.

Ann Marie Miller, CECd, Executive Director of the Buda (TX) Economic Development Corporation, was recently named a winner in the economic development profession's "40 Under 40" awards.

A five-member selection committee chose the winners from a pool of more than 157 candidates based on their exceptional contributions to the economic development industry. The award's program was managed by Development Counsellors International (DCI), a New York-based firm that specializes in economic development marketing.

"I was very pleased to see that a national organization has recognized what our board of directors has known for some time," Buda Economic Development Corporation board president Ron Fletcher said. "Ann Miller spearheaded a paradigm shift in the way Buda

does economic development that coordinates the activities of the city and the corporation in ways that will benefit our citizens for



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years to come."

Ms. Miller has served as the Executive Director of the Buda Economic Development Corporation since January 2013 and will celebrate 10 years in the economic development profession this year.

Prior to accepting the position in Buda, Ms. Miller worked as Vice President of Economic De-

velopment for the Ada (OK) Jobs Foundation.

Since accepting the position in Buda, Ms. Miller has spearheaded the adoption of Buda's first Economic Development Strategic Plan and Incentive Policy. She has overseen four major economic development projects since 2013 that have or will bring at least \$5.5 million in capital investment and create or retain over 185 jobs.

Ms. Miller has also been involved in several upcoming retail projects that will bring new development, opportunities, and amenities to Buda. She

has overseen the establishment of new programs to assist small businesses with permitting costs and the restoration and revitalization of downtown businesses.

Ms. Miller is a graduate of the William S. Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute.

Young Chickasaw musician performs with SF Symphony, collaborates with celebrity artists



Aaron Montoya

A young Chickasaw trumpeter has recently performed with the San Francisco Symphony.

Aaron Montoya, a master's degree candidate at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, performed a variety of concerts including collaborations with artists Bobby McFerrin and Broadway artist Lisa Vroman.

Last summer, he was awarded a scholarship to attend the Aspen Music Festival & School in Aspen, Colorado. There he performed over 30 concerts with students and professionals from around the world, including concerts with orchestra, brass quintet, brass choir and Grammy-nominated solo artists.

Mr. Montoya is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where he studied privately with Ray Sasaki and studied with Dallas Symphony Principal Trumpeter Ryan Anthony. He is currently studying with Mark Inouye of the San Francisco Symphony at the San Francisco Conservatory.

Mr. Montoya appreciates the support he has received from the Chickasaw Nation Department of Education for financially supporting his dream of becoming a professional trumpeter.

Mr. Montoya is the son of Charles and Laurie Montoya and the grandson of Guy and Gloria McElroy.

Sign up for 5k Run/Walk



The Chickasaw Nation Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center in Norman will host the Chikashshaat Imanokfila' Ilokchina' "Chickasaw Healthy Minds" free 5k Run/Walk at Wheeler Park on May 2. In addition to the run/walk, there will be a Toddler Dash for children ages 2-4 and a 1-mile Fun Run on the same day.

Participants can register, in advance, online at www.signmeup.com105712 or on-site beginning at 6:30 a.m. on the day of the event.

Contact Renee Wilson (405) 767-8978 for more information.

GRADUATION



JJ Plunk, 20, of Ada, Okla., graduated in December from East Central University with a bachelor's degree in Biology.

Mrs. Plunk was a member of Tri-Beta and Alpha Chi Honor Societies. She also was a member of the Chickasha Holitoplichi Honor program. She graduated with high academic honors. She has been accepted into the University of Oklahoma's Physician Assistant Program at OU Health Sciences Center. She will begin classes in June.

Mrs. Plunk worked the past two years at the Sovereign Family Practice Clinic through the Chickasaw Nation's School to Work Program. She is grateful to the Chickasaw Nation for the assistance and support they have given her.

She is the spouse of Clay Plunk, daughter of Mike and Jana Stewart, of Roff, Okla., granddaughter of Bobby and Neva Stewart, of Connerville, and Ellen Green and Vernon Brown both of Roff.

BIRTH



Delilah Azucena Jacome was born January 15, 2015 at Cox Hospital in Springfield, Missouri. She weighted 7lbs., 2oz. and measured 20 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Joaquin and Jessica Jacome, and little sister to Emma and Julian Jacome, of Nixa, Missouri.

She is the granddaughter of Steve and Debbie Saunders, of Ardmore, Okla., and Victor and Carmela Jacome, of Rogersville, Missouri.

She is the great-granddaughter of Kenneth and Juanita Evans, of Stroud, Okla. and Melvin and Kathleen Stoner, of Duncan, Okla.

ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations Mrs. Monroe for 45 years of dedicated service to Byng (OK) Public Schools. January 26, 1970 to January 26, 2015.

NEW CHICKASAWS



Jack and Celeste Ross of San Diego, Calif., are pleased to announce their daughters, Eva Celeste Ross, age 5, and Vivian Christine Ross, age 3, have been accepted as proud new citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

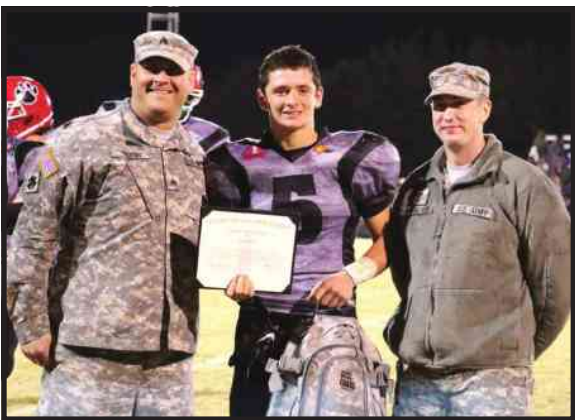
Eva's and Vivian's great-grandfather was John Stephen Rowles, Jr., born in Ardmore, Okla., to his mother, Bertha Frances McMillan, whose mother, Nancy Brown, was the daughter of Elsie Pickens and Aaron Brown. Elsie's father, Edmund Pickens, is well known in Chickasaw tribal history with his birth in Mississippi in 1789.

The entire family is honored to be part of the Chickasaw Nation!

CONGRATULATIONS



Kennedy Grace Edwards, of the Maysville (OK) 4-H Club, exhibited the Champion Spot at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver on January 21. She is pictured with her father and mother, John and Leah Edwards.



Lane Martin, Chickasaw and a member of the Stratford (OK) High School football team, was recently awarded the National Guard Scholar/Athlete award.

Lane was presented this award at the final regular season football game against Wynnewood. He received a framed certificate and a backpack full of items from the National Guard.

Lane is very active at his school serving as the FFA vice-president, junior class president, and member of the student council, NHS, FCA, and JOM. He is also a member of the varsity basketball, baseball and golf teams. He is a member of the Stratford Free Will Baptist Church.

Lane is the son of James and Angela Martin, of Stratford. His grandparents are Howard and Juanita (Greenwood) Briggs, of Stratford, Carolyn Martin, of Lubbock, Texas, and the late Guyan Martin.



The Stratford (OK) High School football team was recently named the Class A 2014 State Academic Champion. The team had a combined GPA of 3.43.

Stratford was District Runner-up and only lost one game during the regular season. The Bulldogs also advanced as far as the State Quarterfinals, where they were beaten by Cashion, who played for the state title.

Pictured are Chickasaw members of the Stratford Bulldogs football team, from left, Colton Dempsey, Blake Potter, Kyle Potter, Lane Martin and Matthew Blackburn.

CONGRATULATIONS



Chickasaw citizen Clete Johnson, 16, and a junior at Madill (OK) High School, was recently recognized by *Down Under Sports* as second team all-state for golf and was invited to represent Oklahoma in Brisbane, Australia this summer at the International Amateur Games.

Clete also placed 7th at the 4A Golf Regional in Poteau, Okla., his sophomore year.

He participates in the Chickasaw Jr. golf program at Winstar, works at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Course during the summer and weekends, and officiates with his dad, Leamon Johnson; brother Caleb Johnson; and cousin, Chad Castleberry, (all Chickasaws), at the Native All Star Football Classic at the University of Texas in Arlington, Texas.

Clete is the son of Leamon Johnson, of Lebanon, Okla., and Lydia Shaw, of Madill. He is a descendant of Edmund Pickens.

He plans to attend college as a golfer.



Jessica New Moon, a sophomore at the University of Central Oklahoma, won the first ever Miss Native American Pageant on November 7, 2014. She and three other contestants competed. Jessica was formerly the Western Heights (OK) High School Indian Club Pow Wow Princess 2012/2013.

She would like to thank her family, relatives and friends for assisting her in getting to this exciting point in her life.

Jessica, enrolled Absentee Shawnee, Ponca, Chickasaw and Eastern Shawnee, is the daughter of Glenn R. and Melissa E. Little Axe New Moon. She is granddaughter of the late Gale and Dorothy Mary Chadwick New Moon, and is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Odis and Margaret Hawkins Chadwick.

The University of Central Oklahoma is planning its spring Pow Wow for Sunday, April 12. Everyone is invited to attend.



Megan Bomboy, 19, was recently named basketball homecoming queen in her hometown of Little Axe, Okla.

During her high school career, she has been a member of the student council, basketball team, homecoming attendant and involved with a work study program.

Megan is an inspiration to all who know her.

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The Chickasaw Nation is offering a tutoring reimbursement program for in-bound and at-large Chickasaw students. The Chickasaw Nation student tutoring program provides at-risk Chickasaw students assistance to improve their academic performance. The program is available to students in grades one through 12. Students must be a Chickasaw citizen and have a C or below in the subject for which assistance is being requested.
• Complete application must include the following: the tutoring assistance log, a copy of student's grade report with a grade of C or below and supporting documentation (tutoring invoice showing payment received, statement of need from teacher and/or proof of IEP) before eligibility for the reimbursement program can be determined.
For more information, contact Shirley Machin (580) 421-7711, Ext. 61030 or Shirley.machin@chickasaw.net.

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The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting applications for 2015 youth camps, clinics and academies. A number of tribal divisions work together to offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. **Application deadline is April 15, 2015.**

Chickasaw Nation 2015 youth events include:

SUMMER CAMPS

- Camp Survivor · May 26-29
YMCA Camp Classen, Davis, Okla.
Ages 9 to 13 or entering grades 4-8
Camp Survivor is a wellness camp that incorporates activities promoting physical, mental, cultural and spiritual health. Throughout the week, campers participate in numerous activities including swimming, hiking, fishing, archery, canoeing, rock-climbing, stickball and nutrition education. Campers also compete in mental and physical challenges and attend daily “tribal councils” where individuals and groups receive special recognition. This is an overnight camp.
Transportation is not provided.
For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net
- Environmental Camp · May 27-29
The Chickasaw Nation Housing Administration, 111 Rosedale Road, Ada, Okla.
Ages 8 to 12
This camp allows students a behind-the-scenes look at facilities. Participants learn about ongoing conservation efforts, and multiple field trips are planned.
For more information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.
- Youth Golf Camp · June 1-2, June 3-4
WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.
• Youth Golf Camp I, June 1-2, ages 8 to 11 or entering grades 3-6
• Youth Golf Camp II, June 3-4, ages 12 to 18 or entering grades 7-12
Golf Camp provides Native American youth the opportunity to enjoy the game of golf while learning life skills, such as honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided by a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff. This is an overnight camp.
Transportation is provided.
For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- Chickasaw Nation Cultural Camp · June 3-4
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.
Ages 6 to 11
This two-day camp provides students the opportunity to experience a variety of cultural activities, such as traditional games, traditional stomp dance, traditional crafts and the Chickasaw language. This is a day camp. Registration is at 9 a.m. Activities will be from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. each day. Transportation is not provided. For more information, contact cultural resources at (580) 622-7140.
- Native American Junior Open Golf Tournament · June 13
WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.
Ages 8 to 18 or entering grades 3-12
The Native American Junior Open allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or golf association tournament. It

is also a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth entering grades 7-12 for five available positions on Team Chickasaw.

Transportation will not be provided. For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

- Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) · June 7-15
Science, Technology and Math Academy, Ada, Okla.
Ages 10 to 18
This is a week-long academy for students interested in space, aviation, math and science. Students gain hands-on training in a simulator and have the opportunity to fly in an actual plane. CNASA is designed to inspire excellence and to motivate and challenge the vision, talent and energies of Chickasaw young people so they may pursue careers in science and technology.
For more information, contact the office of supportive programs at (580) 272-5579 or STM-Program@chickasaw.net.
- Tennis Clinic · Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.
Tennis Clinic I, June 8-9, ages 8 to 11 or entering grades 3-6
Tennis Clinic II, June 10-11, ages 12 to 18 or entering grades 7-12
These clinics offer students the tools necessary to build a lasting foundation in the sport of tennis by playing the game. Participants also learn about honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork.
Transportation is provided.
For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- Chickasaw Cultural Enrichment Family Camp · June 14-19
Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, Sulphur, Okla.
Chickasaw Families
This camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language, culture and history within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include tours throughout the Chickasaw Nation, swimming, sports, storytelling and various other games and activities with primary instruction given in the Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp. For more information, contact the Language Department (580) 272-5540.
- Space Camp · June 14-19
U.S. Space & Rocket Center at Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.
Ages 9 to 18
Space Camp students obtain hands-on training while learning about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts face. Fields of study include engineering, space technology and aerospace science. For more information, contact the office of supportive programs at (580) 272-5579 or STM-Program@chickasaw.net.
- Tanumpo Hosa Apisa Camp (Place for Watching Shooting Guns) · June 15-16
Southern Oklahoma Sportsman's Club, Davis, Okla.
Ages 12-18 or entering grades 7-12
This camp features instruction on gun safety and marksmanship techniques. The camp focuses on the disciplines required for Olympic-style target shooting and consists of both classroom instruction and firing practice. Transportation is provided.
For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy · June 22-25

Lighthorse Police Department, Ada, Okla.
Ages 9-13
This academy provides an excellent opportunity for youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students hear presentations from law enforcement personnel and learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention. Activities will be from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. each day. For more information, contact Lighthorse Police Administration at (580) 436-1166 or melisha.sutton@chickasaw.net.

- Ikbi Holisso Camp (Book Creation) · June 24-26
East Central University, Ada, Okla.
Ages 12 to 18
This camp will introduce students to the world of book publishing from concept to writing, illustrating, editing, design and production. The students will be trained and guided through the steps of book creation while they produce a book in digital format. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Press at (580) 436-7282.
- Champions Football Clinic · June 25-27
Ada High School, Ada, Okla.
Ages 8 to 18 or entering grades 3-12
At this clinic, a team of veteran coaches and players teach students fundamental football skills and features special guests. Highlights include an 8-to-1 student to instructor ratio, offensive drills, defensive drills and more. Transportation is provided. For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- Champions Cheerleading Clinic · June 26-27
Family Life Center, Ada, Okla.
Ages 8 to 18 or entering grades 3-12
At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches instruct students on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. Students enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamentals geared toward their skill levels. Transportation is provided.
For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- Youth Basketball Camp · July 6-7, July 9-10
Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Okla.
• Girl's Camp July 6-7 / Boy's Camp July 9-10
Ages 8 to 18 or entering grades 3-12
Youth Basketball Camp participants learn basketball techniques from high school head coaches, university coaches and current or former university players. This camp ends with a round-robin style tournament. This is an overnight camp. Transportation is provided. For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- Chickasaw Arts Academy · July 13-31, 2015
East Central University, Ada, Okla.
Ages 8 to 18
The academy is an intensive three-week exploration of fine arts. Students majoring in fine arts start the academy on July 13. Interdisciplinary and Fine Arts Rotation students begin the following on week July 20. The academy will conclude July 31 with a showcase on the final evening. Participants will have opportunities to gain experience in the artistic fields of visual arts (2-D & 3-D), theatre, creative writing, dance, vocal music, music composition, photography, theatre technology,

video production, textile design, jazz piano, jewelry/adornment/sculpture in copper and cultural enrichment in the Chickasaw and southeast Native cultures. For more information, contact the division of arts & humanities at (580) 272-5520 or csaa@chickasaw.net.

- FCA Xtreme Camp · June 14-18
Crosspoint Camp, Kingston, Okla.
Ages 15 to 18
This camp is for students who want to participate in challenging activities and great fellowship. Campers have the opportunity to water ski, water tube, skeet shoot, rappel, ride horses, compete in huddle competitions, scale a 65-foot climbing tower and experience a high ropes challenge course. Campers will also enjoy outstanding speakers and great music. This is an overnight camp. Transportation is not provided. For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- FCA Competitors Camp · July 18-21
Camp Walk on Water, Gerty, Okla.
Ages 11 to 14
Competitors Camp combines great facilities and activities with the athleticism and competition that defines the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry. Activities include a climbing wall, zip line, water slide, ropes course, obstacle course, the Blob, Bible devotions, upbeat music, topical discussions and much more. This is an overnight camp. Transportation is not provided.
For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- Yaakni' Inaalhpisaat Chokma (The Nation's Laws are Good) · June 1-2
Chickasaw Nation Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.
Ages 10 to 16
This is a two-day camp which will educate students on the process of a court trial and Chickasaw Nation Code. We will also introduce the students to Chickasaw Nation employees who support the courts and the citizens, such as attorneys from the Division of Justice, members of the Legislative Department, Lighthorse Chief of Police, Lighthorse Police officers, etc. The students will have an opportunity to participate in a mock trial, learn how laws are made, play games and much more.
For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Building at (580) 235-0281.

FALL CAMPS

- Hayaka Unta Camp (Into the Woods) · Oct. 2-4, 2015 and April 8-10, 2016
Camp Simpson, Bromide, Okla.
Ages 8 to 18 or entering grades 3-12
Fall Camp will begin Oct. 2-4, 2015
Spring Camp will begin April 8-10, 2016
Hayaka Unta Camp gives Chickasaw youth and their parents or guardians an opportunity to share quality time together while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. This camp offers a variety of exciting and challenging activities including rock wall climbing, canoeing, hiking, fishing, skeet shooting, archery and camping. This is an overnight camp. Transportation is not provided. For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- Chikashshaat Hoochokoshkomo Camp (Chickasaws are Playing) · Oct. 15-16

Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.
Ages 12 to 18
This day camp will provide students the opportunity to learn the history of traditional games. Campers will learn how to play a variety of traditional games, including chunky, marbles, archery, horseshoes and stickball. Students will also learn how to make stickball sticks and balls.
Registration is at 9 a.m. Activities will be from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day. Transportation is not provided. For more information, contact cultural resources at (580) 622-7140.

- Halloween Lock-In · Oct. 23-24
Andy Alligator's, Norman, Okla.
Ages 8 to 18 or entering grades 3-8
This Halloween-themed lock-in allows students to participate in mini-bowling, go-karts, batting cages, mini-golf, a climbing wall, bumper cars, bumper boats, arcade and a variety of other fun activities. This is an overnight camp. Transportation is provided. For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

WINTER CAMPS

- Winter Baseball Clinic · Dec. 21-22
D-BAT Sport Plex, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Ages 8 to 18 or entering grades 3-12
This day clinic is designed to teach essential life skills, such as dedication, goal setting and teamwork, while teaching the basic foundations of baseball. Camp instruction focuses on improving the fundamentals of hitting, pitching and fielding. Campers learn how goal-setting and self-discipline improve playing ability and help in everyday life. Transportation is provided.
For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.
- Winter Softball Clinic · Dec. 28-29
D-BAT Sport Plex, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Ages 8 to 18 or entering grades 3-12
This camp focuses on improving the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, fielding, conditioning and teamwork. Camp instruction is led by high school and college-level coaches and players who are dedicated to helping students improve their softball skills. Transportation is provided. For more information, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

Application Information

Submitting an application does not guarantee selection to the camp. Applicants should be aware once acceptance to a youth services event has been determined, attendance is required. If circumstances prevent attendance, selection for future events may be hindered.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

Additional information is also available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.

Return application(s) to: The Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820 or fax to (580) 310-6626.

Lots of classes at Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center

You can now ‘Zumba’ your way to physical fitness!

ADA, Okla. - A variety of classes are now offered at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada

The winter months are almost behind us. Now is the time to think about getting in shape for summer!

A great way to get fit are the Zumba classes offered at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada.

Working out is healthy, beneficial and rewarding. In the past, working out wasn't considered a very exhilarating experience... until now! The Zumba program mixes Latin rhythms with easy-to-follow moves anyone can master.

Zumba participants achieve long-term benefits while getting a great workout during the one hour, calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movement session.

This new revolution of working out has spread across the na-

tion and is considered the single most influential workout movement in the fitness industry.

Rhonda Hughes has been the Zumba instructor for the past five years at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center. She was previously a martial arts kickboxing instructor with the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program.

Ms. Hughes encourages participants of all ages to join in on the Zumba classes. There are a variety of classes offered at the wellness center, including Golden Zumba for elders. Water aerobics, children's Zumba, water Zumba and step Zumba classes are also offered.

"There is a beginner's class, consisting of five repetitious movements," Ms. Hughes said. "We have always had success with our courses, and we have yet to see a participant leave disappointed. There is always something to gain from attending the

class.

"It's about showing up, giving me an hour of your time, and once you are here, you are sure to have a great experience. It is also a great way to relieve



Rhonda Hughes, Zumba instructor at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada, shows participants a few new Zumba moves during the 12:15 p.m. class on Feb. 4.

stress."

There are no wrong ways in Zumba. It is a great way to be individually creative and exercise at the same time!

A variety of other personal

trainers and instructors are on hand at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada, including:

Melinda Ward and Erica Berryman - aquatic instructors

Kaye Pizzino - step aerobics and yoga instructor

Damien Hamilton and Cailee Canada - circuit class instructors

Lace Vesley - Cross-Fit instructor

Brandon Rogers - personal trainer

Zumba classes are from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Dance Fitness Classes are offered at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, and Cardio Zumba is also offered on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

For a complete schedule of all classes offered, call the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center at (580) 310-9661 , or for more information on Zumba, visit www.zumba.com.

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Chickasaw Nation Adult Learning Program

Overcoming challenge, Chickasaw woman earns GED

Most high school students who drop out before graduation soon realize the struggles ahead. It's hard to secure a good job without a high school degree.

Fortunately, assistance is available for many of those students to obtain a General Educational Development (GED) or High School Equivalency (HSE). Former GED student Reba Eaton, of Abilene, Texas, is one of those former drop-outs who today says it is never too late to go back to school.

A Chickasaw citizen, Ms. Eaton successfully completed her GED through the Chickasaw Nation Adult Learning Program. She dropped out of high school 20 years ago to give birth to her oldest son. After her short leave of absence from public school, she said she was discouraged from returning to school by the teaching staff that. She thought she would never get caught up with her school work. Eaton said she felt overwhelmed and dropped out.

When she turned 18, Ms. Eaton attempted to complete her high school education. She found a center that offered GED classes. Her parents' divorce contributed to family stress and she quit the class.

She relocated to Knox City, Texas, with her family in hopes of finding a better job. She said she soon realized she needed to complete her high school education in

order to find a job to support her family. A GED class was available in this area, however, help from the instructors was not offered.

"It's difficult when you have

encouragement and academic support from teaching staff, she quit the GED program.

Several years later, Ms. Eaton and her family returned to

was a huge support system for me."

A GED pretest is required before taking GED classes. The pretest evaluates what educational level

give up.

Upon finishing her GED courses, Ms. Eaton was ready to start testing. She found the Chickasaw Nation Adult Learn Program in the online Services-at-Large directory on the Chickasaw.net website. She received assistance from the Chickasaw Nation Adult Learning Program to take the GED test and was ultimately successful in her academic efforts after years of discouragement.

This time, the third time was the charm. Ms. Eaton walked with 75 GED graduates from the Adult Education Center in Abilene in May 2014.

"Many people were extremely emotional, because they have reached their goal," Ms. Eaton said. "They have overcome their battle."

The Chickasaw Nation Adult Learning Program is available to all adults ages 18 and older within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Preference is given first to Chickasaw citizens, then other Native Americans with a CDIB and referring agency. The program is also available for Chickasaw citizens over the age of 18, who live out of the Chickasaw boundaries. For an application or more information, contact Shirley Machin (580) 421-7711. Applications are also available online at www.chickasaw.net.

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Reba Eaton, center, with her sister, Kay and her mother, Roberta Walton at the Adult Learning Program Graduation in Abilene, Texas in May 2014.

been out of school that long," she said. "You need all the encouragement and help you can get from those instructors. I didn't receive any assistance."

After struggling to receive the

Abilene. Her desire to find a good job led her back to the Adult Education Center in that city to try for her GED for the third time.

"My family was behind me the whole time," she said. "My family

the student should begin studying. Eaton scored below high school level. She said she felt discouraged and didn't think she could move forward, but the GED instructor convinced her not to



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Artesian Arts Festival set for May 23 in Sulphur

A Celebration of Southeastern Art!

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation will host the 2015 Artesian Arts Festival, Saturday, May 23, at the Artesian Plaza in Sulphur.

In its second year, the Artesian Arts Festival is an interactive community celebration of all forms of art, with an emphasis on artists and art from Southeastern tribes.

The Artesian Arts Festival is free and open to the public.

Activities for all ages are planned, including a special area for children's activities and a senior citizens' arts and crafts booth. All types of visual art will be on display at the 35 festival booths such as paintings, basketry, jewelry, sculpture, bead work, textiles and pottery.

Attendees can also enjoy a variety of entertainment, and a number of food vendors will be present at the event.

More than 4,500 art enthusiasts gathered last year for the Artesian Arts Festival, and this year is expected to be well attended.

For more information about the Artesian Arts Festival, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520, by email at artistinfo@chickasaw.net, or fax (580) 272-5525. Arts & Humanities is located at 201 North Broadway, Ada, Okla.

The Artesian Plaza is located adjacent to the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First Street, Sulphur, Okla.



Artesian Arts Festival in Sulphur, Okla. Photo by Jacquelyn Sparks

Kites will be flying soon at Chickasaw White House



March is the month for the annual "kite flying" at the Chickasaw White House in Emet Okla. Photo by Marcy Gray

EMET, Okla. - Spring is in the air and kites will soon be flying high at the Chickasaw White House! Bring your family for a fun-filled day at the annual Kite Fly from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 20-21 and 27-28.

This annual event will take place at the historic home of Chickasaw Governor Douglas H. Johnston and will feature a popular family pastime. Families

may bring their own kites or use those provided by the staff.

For more information about any of the upcoming events or tours, contact the Chickasaw White House at (580) 371-9835, or visit www.Chickasaw.net/WhiteHouse.

The Chickasaw White House is located at 6379 East Mansion Road in Emet, Okla.



Chickasaw teams meet for stick-making event

Chickasaw stickball teams, Chikasha Bak Bak (youth team) and Chikasha Toli (adult team) got together for a stick-making clinic Jan. 24 at the Cultural Resources building in Sulphur, Okla. Front row from left, Ric Greenwood, Connor Chiles, Brayden McGillbray, Shelby Factor, Jazlyn Hart, Alyssa McGillbray and Clovis Hamilton. Middle row from left, Melissa Herman, Brandy Herman, Alia Shaw, Keke Factor, John Boy, Loraine Weems, Hunter Weems, Owl and Blake Nucosee. Back row from left, Brandon White Eagle, Jason Eyacchabbe, Erica Herman, Chance Factor, Carolyn Herman, Cameron Johnson, Ace Greenwood, Jacob Keyes, Kimberly Williams, Tanner Factor, Levi Hart, Shanon Shaw, Savanna Weems and Boomer Factor.

Valentine celebration



Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities celebrates Valentine's Day with Love Stories and Mini Canvas Paint event Feb. 12, at the Arts & Humanities building in Ada.

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Mrs. Johnston celebrates 101st!

Tribal legislators Mary Jo Green, left, and Katie Case with Douglas ("Doug") Johnston Harbach at Mrs. Harbach's 101st birthday celebration in February.

Douglas ("Doug") Johnston Harbach celebrated her 101st birthday last month.

Born Feb. 18, 1914, in Emet, Okla., at the Chickasaw White House, Mrs. Harbach is the granddaughter of Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas Johnston. Many summers of her youth were spent at the Chickasaw White House, and later in life, she donated the Chickasaw White House to the Chickasaw Nation.

In the 1930s she made her name modeling in New York and later married director William Harbach.

She lived in Tangiers, Morocco for many years before returning home to Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Cultural Center Plans Annual Three Sisters Celebration
Spring is in the air this year at the Chickasaw Cultural Center's
Three Sisters Celebration, set for March 9-22.

Every year, the Chickasaw Cultural Center celebrates spring with the annual Three Sisters event. During this event, guests pay homage to the "Three Sisters" (corn, beans and squash), as well as the rebirth and rejuvenation of spring by teaching the ancient intercropping method to grow corn, beans and squash, a system that provides long-term fertile soil and healthy crops.

This annual festival will feature many outdoor activities and games such as archery, stickball, squirrel stick throwing, chunky and marbles.

Other scheduled activities include face painting, make and take art, stomp dance demonstrations and language games.

Guests will enjoy touring the Chickasaw Cultural Center and participating in the spring excitement.

EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center, located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Oklahoma, is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday Noon-5 p.m.

For more information about the Three Sisters Celebration, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130 or www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

Three Sisters Celebration

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole • *February 17, 2015*
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, David Woerz
Absent: Steve Woods
Finance Committee • *February 9, 2015*
Present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Election Rules & Regulations Ad Hoc Committee • *February 9, 2015*
Present: Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Absent: Tim Colbert
Land Development Committee • *February 9, 2015*
Present: Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert
Legislative Committee • *February 9, 2015*
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Linda Briggs, David Woerz, Steve Woods
Absent: Tim Colbert
Legislative Committee • *February 17, 2015*
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Absent: Scott Wood

JANUARY 2015 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number GR32-006
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Tishomingo Head Start

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Tishomingo Head Start, Project Number 20-0144-14 in the amount of \$3,243,710.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on February 20, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Tishomingo Head Start, Project Number 20-0144-14, in the amount of \$3,243,710. The Chickasaw Nation Head Start center is a both federally and tribally funded program that promotes school readiness of children from ages three to five years. The current Head Start facility is outdated and too small to serve the current demand for the Head Start program in Tishomingo. The new facility will be state of the art and provide a safe learning environment and enhance the learning experience through large classrooms, an indoor play area, which doubles as a safe room, and a large outdoor playground. The facility will be access controlled and have adequate security cameras throughout to ensure the children's safety.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-007
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Renovation of Former Tishomingo Clinic

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Renovation of the Former Tishomingo Clinic, Project Number 20-0134-14 in the amount of \$2,500,000.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on February 20, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Renovation of the Former Tishomingo Clinic, Project Number 20-0134-14 in the amount of \$2,500,000.

This project consists of a complete renovation of the former Tishomingo Clinic to provide growth for the Area Office, provide much needed space for the Chickasaw Youth Club and office space for the Maintenance Department that will serve the expanding Tishomingo campus and other facilities in the area.

The Area Office is at full capacity and would benefit greatly being relocated to a larger section of the building to enable growth to better serve the Tishomingo area citizens. The area would consist of 10 offices, a conference room and a large reception area that would include two computer kiosks for citizen use.

The Youth Club has outgrown its current location and, therefore, cannot provide adequate activities for its 80-plus children. The new facility will give the center much needed space for a large indoor play area, computer room, Power Hour room, music room, craft room and library; an outdoor playground will provide an open play area, half-court basketball, four corners game and sitting area. In addition, the club will now have a designated dining room, which is also a safe room, and commercial style kitchen to better serve the children at meal time and eliminate mess in the activity rooms.

With the Tishomingo campus expansion and the various construction projects around the Capitol, the Maintenance Department needs office space with storage to work from in order to serve the area adequately. They will take care of landscaping, housekeeping and building maintenance.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-008
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Tishomingo Senior Center

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Tishomingo Senior Center, Project Number 20-0142-14 in the amount of \$2,286,960.00.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on February 20, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Tishomingo Senior Center, Project Number 20-0142-14, in the amount of \$2,286,960.00.

The Chickasaw Nation takes great pride in our elders and is always looking for ways to improve their quality of life as well as the rest of our citizens. The Senior Centers have various programs and workshops to help us reach this goal. The current Senior Center is outdated and not as well appointed as some of our newer facilities. The new Senior Center would be located on the expanding Tishomingo Campus. This location would be in closer proximity to the Wellness Center, proposed Elder Housing, and most importantly, the Health Clinic and, therefore, will better serve our senior citizens.

JANUARY 2015 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-009
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Tishomingo Community Center

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Tishomingo Community Center, Project Number 20-0139-14 in the amount of \$1,969,330.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on February 20, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Tishomingo Community Center, Project Number 20-0139-14 in the amount of \$1,969,330.

Over the years, Chickasaw Community Centers have been on the front lines of serving Chickasaw citizens. With facilities located in the heart of many neighborhoods, these centers provide and connect people of all ages to essential services and solutions that help individuals, children, families and neighborhoods succeed by providing safe, inspiring, and well maintained community spaces. In addition to the amenities offered indoors, such as a kitchen area, large banquet area and state of the art A/V system, the Centers offer outdoor activity areas such as basketball courts, volley ball, horse shoe pits and picnic areas.

The proposed new Community Center will be located on the expanding Tishomingo campus where it will be in close proximity to the Wellness Center, Senior Center and Tishomingo Health Clinic. Chickasaw Community Centers provide an invaluable service to the Chickasaw Nation, its citizens and the community.

13 CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-010
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Purcell Wellness Center

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Purcell Wellness Center, Project Number 20-0147-14A in the amount of \$4,999,368.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on February 20, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Purcell Wellness Center, Project Number 20-0147-14A in the amount of \$4,999,368.

The Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers provide a place for Chickasaw citizens and employees to exercise and gain educational resources to learn how to live a healthy lifestyle. The Wellness centers provide education, mentoring, monitoring, incentive and access to activities that promote exercise, nutrition and overall improved health, including aerobics, weight training and swimming.

The Purcell area currently has minimal opportunities for residents to utilize workout facilities, and the proposed Wellness Center will offer the chance for them to choose a healthier lifestyle and hopefully get fit for life.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-011
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Purcell Area Office

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Purcell Area Office, Project Number 20-0147-14B in the amount of \$3,564,648.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on February 20, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Purcell Area Office, Project Number 20-0147-14B in the amount of \$3,564,648.

Currently the Purcell Area Office is using a purchased retail building that we have outgrown and is not located on the Purcell campus. The Chickasaw Nation Area Office is where tribal citizens learn about Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Located in densely populated and convenient locations within jurisdictional boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, the area office allows initial consultation and information gathering from tribal employees in one building.

This facility will also have a community center component for area citizens to use for events.

JANUARY 2015 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-012
Authorizing an Oil and Gas Lease to Silver Creek Oil and Gas, LLC
On Jointly-owned Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation Land in Hughes County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Silver Creek Oil and Gas, LLC., 5525 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 775 Irving, Texas 75038, wishes to enter into a three-year Oil and Gas Lease on land jointly owned by the Choctaw Nation and Chickasaw Nation, under which the lease would automatically be extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in “paying quantities,” and

WHEREAS, the property being leased to Silver Creek Oil and Gas, LLC., is described as 35.29 acres located in Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 10 East, Hughes County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as:

Minerals only in Lots 11 and 12, Less and except 20.50 acres described as follows: Beginning at the 1/4 section corner between sections 19 and 30 in 6N-10E; thence East on Section line 1671 feet; thence North 45 degrees 0' West 317 feet; thence North 62 degrees 30' West 1631 feet; more or less to a point of intersection with the West line of said Lot 11; thence South along said West line 978 feet; more or less, to the point of beginning; in Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 10 East. (USA IN TRUST), and

WHEREAS, for the oil and gas well on such property, Silver Creek Oil and Gas, LLC., shall pay a 18.75 % royalty to the Nations for the value of oil and gas harvested and a \$3.00 per acre rent per annum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes, approves and requests the Governor to sign the proposed Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Silver Creek Oil and Gas, LLC.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on February 20, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Silver Creek Oil and Gas, LLC., 5525 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 775 Irving, Texas 75038. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of \$105.87 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$26.47 per annum. The royalty rate is 18.75%, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 4.5625% for all future production. A bonus of \$12,351.50.00 will be paid to the Nations, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3,087.87. This lease will be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in “paying quantities.” This lease is located in Hughes County and the minerals are jointly owned between the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation, of which the Chickasaw Nation owns a one-quarter undivided interest.

Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Permanent Resolution Number 32-001
Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code
(Special Advisory Committee)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature has previously enacted rules for the Special Advisory Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to amends those rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves and adopts the following amendments to Title 6, Chapter 2 Section 16-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, all other sections and parts of sections to remain the same (additions are shown in red, deletions are stricken through):

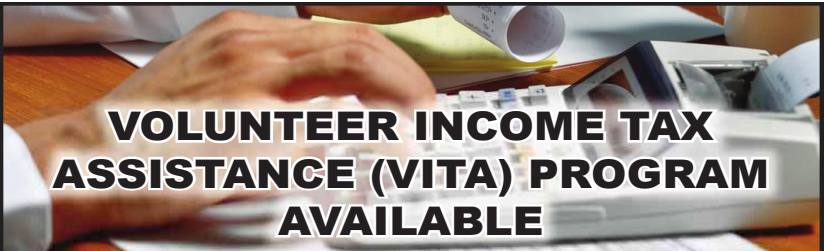
“SECTION 16-201.4 COMMITTEES AND RULES.

D. A “Special Committee” or “Select Committee” is a Committee comprised only of members of the Legislature, to attempt to represent all points of view in the Legislature, appointed by the Chairperson, which investigates and reports on specific matters, and is dissolved by the Chairperson when that function is deemed to have been served.

1. The “Special Advisory Committee” is a Special or Select Committee and shall consist of a Legislator from each district appointed by the Chairperson. They shall be responsible for reviewing and approving any expenditures from the Legislative Department Budget, which amount to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or more that is not part of the normal, usual and customary day-to-day operating expenses of the Legislative Department and offices. All decisions of the Committee shall be made by majority vote and shall be reported monthly to the entire Legislature.”

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution amends the amount of a single transaction required to be approved by the Special Advisory Committee. The new amount matches the maximum amount that can be spent on a P-card in a single transaction.



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Through April 14, the Chickasaw Nation will provide free income tax preparation through the VITA PROGRAM to assist qualifying individuals and families, earning \$53,000 or less in 2014, prepare their income tax returns.

Ada Site: 221 N. Rennie (southwest corner of 9th and Rennie)
Open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 14
Times: 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Open: Saturdays through March 14 • Times: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
For more information, email vitaprogram@chickasaw.net or call (580) 272-5798
Please bring the following:

- Two forms of ID (Social Security card, Photo ID)
- Social Security card for all dependents on the tax return
- All W2s, 1099s, etc...any documents that may pertain to completing a tax return
- VOIDED check for direct deposit of any refund that may be received
 - Copy of your last year’s return

To find other VITA Program locations, visit www.IRS.gov

JANUARY 2015 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Permanent Resolution Number 32-005
Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code
(Elections and Campaigns)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature has previously enacted rules and procedures for tribal elections and campaigns, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to amend those rules and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves and adopts the following amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, all other sections and parts of sections to remain the same (additions are shown in red, deletions are stricken through):

“SECTION 8-200.8 ELECTIVE OFFICE VACANCIES.

When an elective office shall become vacant, the Legislature shall, by resolution, declare the vacancy to exist, set the dates for a special election in accordance with Section 8-500.2 and request the Governor to call for such special election if the elective office being vacated would not, ordinarily, be open for the regularly scheduled election. Upon receipt of the resolution, the Governor shall call for the election by the most expedient method to fill the vacated elective office.

SECTION 8-200.9 CHALLENGE TO CANDIDACY.

A. A Candidate may challenge the eligibility of another Candidate in writing, specifically naming the Candidate and the district and stating the cause of the challenge. Such challenges must be filed in the office of the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar no later than two (2) working days after the closing of the filing period for the Candidates. A Candidate being challenged shall have three (3) working days from the day of receipt of notice of the challenge to file an answer appeal to the challenge; provided, however, that other time frames for filing of challenges and answers or responses counter appeals may be stipulated by the Legislature for special elections. Notice of a challenge shall be sent by the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar to the challenged Candidate by certified mail, return receipt requested.

SECTION 8-300.3 VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE.

C. During the open registration period and at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar, the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar shall cause to be published in the Chickasaw Times newspaper, a list of Voters whose ballots have been returned as undeliverable by the United States Postal Service, which shall serve to notify such Voters that their Voter registration shall be placed in an inactive status. The Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar may include a Voter registration form as part of such publication, as an aid to Voters who need to correct their Residency and mailing address information. Such Voters shall not receive any ballots for tribal elections nor shall they be eligible to vote in any tribal elections until such time as the Voters inform the Tribal Registration Office of a correct

Residency and mailing address; provided, however, that should the Tribal Registration Office be notified by the United States Postal Service of a forwarding order for an address of a Voter for whom mail has been returned marked undeliverable by the United States Postal Service, the change reflected in that forwarding order shall be made on the Voter’s records by the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar. Any changes for corrections that are submitted by a Voter or by the United States Postal Service after the registration period closes shall be held by the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar until registration re-opens and no ballots shall be mailed to them when they fail to submit their corrected Voter information prior to the closing date for Voter registration.

SECTION 8-300.4 RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION.

B. In accordance with Article VI, Section 4, of the Constitution, each Non-resident Voter shall choose one (1) district for the purpose of voting. The Non-resident Voter may affiliate with the district of his choice, in accordance with the provisions of Subsection A above, and Section 8-300.1 through and Section 8-300.3.

SECTION 8-400.2 BALLOT MAILING TO VOTERS.

A. All official ballots shall be mailed to each qualified voter nineteen (19) fifteen (15) days prior to ballot counting day; provided, however, that all ballots for qualified Voters who reside outside of the contiguous 48 states shall be mailed two (2) weeks prior to such mailing date using an expedited mail delivery service. The names on the outgoing envelopes shall be the same as appears on the Voter registration application.

E. Official ballots shall conform to the specifications of Section 8-400.6 through Section 8-400.8, except when specifications of the automated election service firm provides for more efficient methods without compromising the secrecy of the votes cast.

SECTION 8-400.9 MARKING BALLOTS.

A. Mailed ballots shall include proper instructions to the Voter regarding the marking and sealing of the ballot. The Voter shall mark and seal the ballot in accordance with the instructions provided with the mail ballot. If the ballot envelope requires a signature, such signature, at the discretion of the Voter, may be notarized in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-400.8 of Title 8 of the Code of the Chickasaw Nation. Such notarization, although not required, is recommended, and information to this effect shall be provided in the instructions sent to the Voter.

SECTION 8-400.10 INVALID BALLOTS.

Ballots shall be counted invalid for any of the following reasons:

2. the signature is not readily identifiable as that of the registered Voter’s signature which appears on the Voter’s registration form. The Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar and one Commissioner or (2) Commissioners shall have the authority to determine the validity of the Voter signatures in accordance with Title 2, Chapter 10, Section 2-100431.6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code;

SECTION 8-400.12 BALLOT COUNTING.

The Election Commission and the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar shall conduct and supervise the ballot counting in the Nation’s headquarters on the last Tuesday of July of the election year, starting at or about 11:00 a.m. Results of the counting shall be declared and announced in accordance with Sections 8-400.15 and 8-400.18.

SECTION 8-400.15 TALLY RESULTS.

The Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar shall make a final tally of the results of the election based on the tallies received from all counters. Results shall be declared in accordance with Section 8-400.18 and posted in several public areas in the Nation.

SECTION 8-400.27 RUNOFF ELECTION PROCEDURES.

The runoff election ballots shall be of the same format as the General or Special Election ballots and shall be mailed to all Voters nineteen (19) fifteen days prior to ballot counting day. The ballots must be returned by the last Tuesday of August, no later than 10:30 a.m., and shall be counted on the same day (Tuesday) at the same location and under the same procedures and regulations as those used in the regular election. Results shall be announced on Tuesday after the ballots are counted and shall be certified under regular election rules. The successful runoff Candidate must receive more than fifty percent (50%) of the total votes in order to be duly elected. If the canvas of the tally of results of a runoff election reveal that the two (2) runoff Candidates have received the same number of votes, the Election Commission shall conduct a recount of all the ballots. No fee for such recount shall be charged to the runoff Candidates. Should a tie exist at the completion of the recount, the Election Commission shall decide the winner by the toss of a coin. The Candidate whose name appears first on the ballot shall make the call for the coin toss. The winner being the Candidate who successfully chooses the side landing facing up.”

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on February 20, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution corrects spelling and references to other sections in the Chickasaw Nation Code and amends the mailing date for ballots.

Presented By: Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

2014-2015 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

Pontotoc District Seat #	Pickens District Seat #	Tishomingo District Seat #
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January 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

Noah Anderson Gordon
Noah Anderson Gordon, 18, son of Daniel Gordon and Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, is a 2015 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Citizenship Award.



Noah Gordon

Noah is a senior at Sulphur High School in Sulphur, Oklahoma. He was nominated by the Sulphur High Student Council Representative, Janet Carter.
“I’ve watched him go from an extremely shy, quiet kid to an outstanding leader,” Ms. Carter said. “He is very dependable and when given a task I know he will see it through. Noah is a special young man and I look forward to seeing him accomplish great things in the years to come.”
Noah helps his mother with the “Noah Project,” an organization funded by the businesses and many other organizations in Sulphur, to meet the needs of families who have to stay overnight at a neonatal intensive care unit. During the holidays, Noah delivered 100 bags filled with hygiene items, food, camera and supplies to prepare families for an unexpected overnight stay. Noah also volunteers for student council activities. He is captain of the Sulphur Basketball

Team, pitcher and right fielder for Sulphur High baseball and a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society and National Honor Society.
Noah’s hobbies are basketball, baseball, fishing, playing the piano, raising goats and playing computer games.
Noah’s future goal is to attend the University of Oklahoma and study computer engineering.

Kaine Stokesberry
Kaine Stokesberry, 12, son of Danny Stokesberry and Sassy Barrett, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Athletics Award.



Kaine Stokesberry

Kaine is a sixth grader at Byng Elementary in Byng, Oklahoma. He was nominated by the Byng Indian Education Coordinator, Stephanie Delfrate.
“Kaine is a young man who is serious about his education, he takes part in basketball and other numerous school activities, has a great attitude and gets along with his peers,” Ms. Delfrate said. “He is just delightful to be around.”
Kaine is the starter for the sixth grade Byng basketball team. He is also involved with track and music classes offered at Byng.

Kaine’s hobbies are spending time with his family and shooting bow targets. He also likes to read and attend high school football games with his friends.
Kaine’s future plans is to one day play in the NBA for the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Madison Crispin
Madison Crispin, 11, daughter of Terrance and Stephanie Brown, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award.



Madison Crispin

Madison is a fifth grader at Latta Elementary in Latta, Oklahoma. She was nominated by her fifth grade teacher, Jacqueline Lawrence.
“Madison has a mature optimistic behavior and displays her effort in academics,” Ms. Lawrence said. “Her integrity in the classroom and in sports shines, really shines through. She is thoughtful of others and always offers her help. Madison has such a caring empathetic heart and is a delight to be around.”
Madison’s hobbies are making bracelets and spending time with her best friends.
Madison’s future plan is to be a police officer.

Crabtrees celebrate 68th anniversary

John “Melvin” Crabtree and Betty Jo Somers were married January 23, 1947 in Pauls Valley, Okla., at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Somers.
The couple recently celebrated their 68th anniversary with family and close friends. The couple’s niece, Vicki Lynn Somers, sang, played guitar and provided the entertainment for the celebration. Afterward, guests were treated to a two-layer anniversary cake made by Lou Carlton, Mrs. Crabtree’s sister.
For most of their married life, the couple lived in Garland, Texas. After retiring, they returned to the Pauls Valley area.



Mr. Crabtree worked at the family business, Crabtree’s Pharmacy in Pauls Valley. He later became a postal worker before moving to Texas to work for the railroad. Mrs. Crabtree retired as a lead inspector from Varo, in Garland. Varo manufactured night vision equipment

Melvin and Betty Crabtree, who recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary, attended the Elders Valentine Coronation and Luncheon Feb. 13 at the Community Center in Ardmore, Okla.

and other military items.
Mrs. Crabtree attributes the longevity of the couple’s marriage to communication, compatibility and compromise. Mr. Crabtree said a lot of “yes ma’ams” helped.
“We are a team and still enjoy each other as much today as the day we married,” he said.
The couple was blessed with two children, Roger and his wife Patsy Crabtree, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and Linda and husband Richard Barton of Plano, Texas. The Crabtrees have a grandson Robbie and wife Michelle Crabtree, of Kennesaw, Georgia, and a granddaughter Tiffany and husband Grady Carpenter, of Fort Walton Beach. The couple has four great grandchildren, Maura, Cameron, Mackenzie and Savannah.
They are active members and do volunteer work at the Pauls Valley Senior Site.
Mrs. Crabtree is the granddaughter of original enrollee Henry McGill.

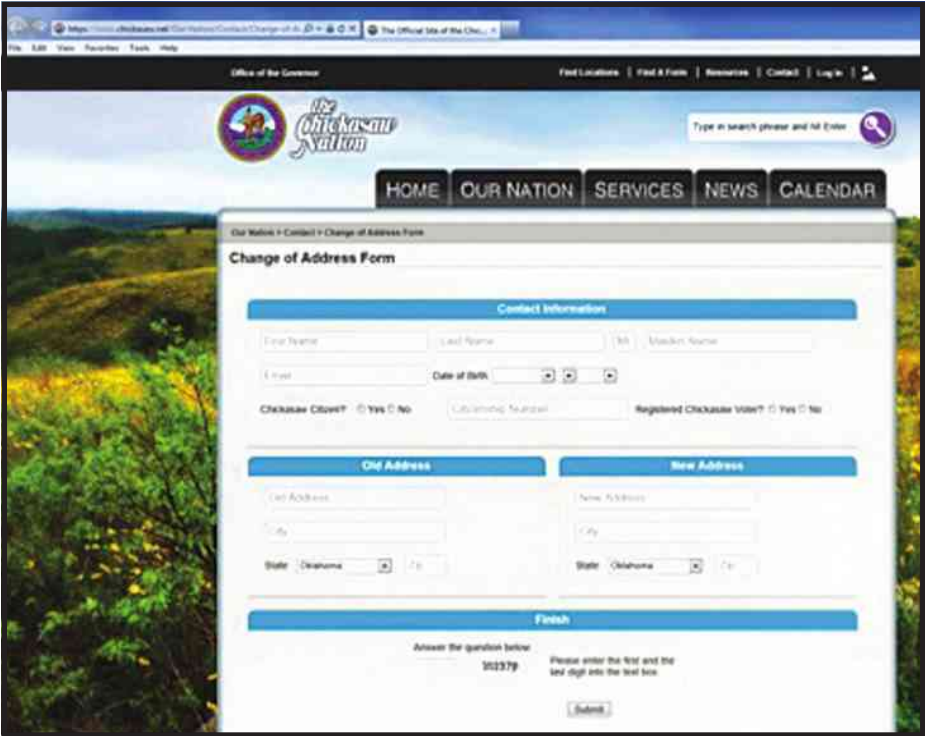


Melvin and Betty Crabtree on their wedding day in 1947.

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Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
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Chepota Himmita

Program offers great tips on raising kids, building up strong family bonds

Parenting is hard work. Every-one who has done it agrees it can be stressful.

For first-time mothers who may not have a strong support group, parenting can be especially difficult. To help new Chickasaw families, the Chickasaw Nation

ery household with a new baby needs that “crazy aunt” to give advice and guidance, whether or not parents realize it.

“Chepota Himmita helps fami-lies raise children in a safe, healthy home,” Mrs. Dunn said. “Our focus is not just on the

child, but the fam-ily unit raising the child. We make sure the household has support and commu-nity resources avail-able. The emotional support from others is sometimes all they (parents) need.”

Home visits and group activities have been key parts of Chepota Himmita’s success for nearly 15 years. Activities provided by support workers involve ev-eryone who helps take of the child. Home visitations al-low families to ask questions about rais-ing a child. Chepota Himmita work-ers also offer medical and developmental screen-ings for the child. One-on-one instruction to moth-ers and other fam-ily members is provided, and community sup-port programs are

explained to the family.

Family support workers provide information and guidance during pregnancy, infancy and



Two year-old Ashtyn Chitto plays with sand on his living room floor with his mother, Lakota Chitto, great-grandmother, Eula Lufkin, and a Chepota Himmita worker, Regina Golden. The Chepota Himmita program offers great information on building a great bond with your children.



Ashtyn Chitto enjoys activities provided by workers of the Chepota Himmita (Young Child) program. According to his great-grandmother, Eula Lufkin, he is having fun and does not realize he’s working his senses, learning fine motor skills and improving hand-eye coordination.

had developed the Chepota Him-mita (Young Child) Program.

According to Ginger Dunn, su-pervisor of Chepota Himmita, ev-

up to five years of age.

“There are many instances where our home workers catch small issues before they become big,” Mrs. Dunn said. “Our in-home screenings have found developmental issues caused by underlying medical problems. One instance was a child hav-ing problems with speech. We worked with the mother and child and realized he couldn’t hear correctly. Mom made an appointment with the doctor and the child had tubes placed in his ears. Within a month his speech was where it needed to be.”

Home visits are voluntary for Chepota Himmita participants. However, there is an incentive program for participation. For each home visitation completed, “baby bucks” are presented to the family. Baby bucks are redeemed to buy essential baby supplies and toys offered by Chepota Himmita.

According to Eula Lufkin, who has had a daughter complete the program and a granddaughter currently enrolled, home visita-tions help the family.

“We like it when they (family support workers) come over,” Mrs. Lufkin said. “We talk about problems and issues as a family. The activities provided bond us together. Each time they come over they give us baby bucks, which we use to buy baby wipes, lotion and children books at the (Chepota Himmita) office.”

Once a month, families partici-pate with a peer group to voice concerns, learn from others in similar situations and to social-ize. New mothers realize they are not alone and are able to ask questions and devise solutions to problems. Experienced families are able to offer advice to others in the group, and children learn how to interact socially with others.

With all the hard work par-ticipants put into the program, they also have opportunities for fun. Annual activities include the Blue Egg Hunt in April, costume parade in October and a group picnic in June. There is also an annual field trip to locations across Oklahoma. Past trips have included the Oklahoma City Zoo, the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum and the Oklahoma Science Museum.

Families are finished with the program when the child enters public school, usually between the ages of four and five. A gradu-ation ceremony for the families takes place annually. Caps and gowns are presented to the chil-dren, followed by the presenta-tion of graduation certificates.

For more information, contact the Chepota Himmita Program at (580) 310-7900.

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Chickasaw Farms

Lots of quality landscape products available to homeowners in April

DAVIS, Okla. - Chickasaw Farms in Davis will begin the landscaping products program for Chickasaw citizen home-owners April 15. The program will continue through the end of October. There are no income guidelines or pre-approval pro-cedures to qualify for this pro-

Nation boundaries, may receive an initial landscaping package of three trees, six shrubs, three ornamental grasses, 12 flowers and up to 10,000 square feet of top quality Bermuda sod. Chick-asaw homeowners who have re-ceived the initial package will be eligible for a supplemental

es and six flowers. A large selec-tion of landscaping products are available.

Orders for sod are tentative-ly set to begin on April 27 at 7 a.m., with the first date of pick-up on May 1. Additional calls for sod will be taken each Monday thereafter for pick-up on Friday of that week. Or-ders for sod are on a first-call, first-served basis as the amount of sod that can be cut is limited. The 10,000 square feet of sod is a cumu-lative limit and may be picked up at different times and in different years.

Acceptable docu-mentation of home ownership may be one of the follow-ing: homeowner’s insurance (decla-ration page only); home mortgage; property tax as-sessment, etc. A Chickasaw citizen-ship card and copy of a current utility bill will also be re-quired at the time products are received. Home ownership doc-umentation and utility bill must

display the home’s physical ad-dress. The application form 974 is available on www.chickasaw.net, and documentation is only

is also required. Sod can only be installed for citizens having newly constructed homes within the boundaries.



A look inside one of the greenhouses at Chickasaw Farms in Davis, Okla.



Entrance to Chickasaw Farms located in Davis, Okla.

gram.

Chickasaw homeowners, both inside and outside Chickasaw

package every other year. The supplemental package includes one tree, two shrubs, two grass-

needed on the day landscaping packages are collected.

Citizens residing within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries who have a home currently under construction or one that has been completed within the last four months, may be eligible to receive sod installation. Dirt preparation is the responsibility of the homeowner. A waiver and release form prior to sod installation by Chickasaw Farms

Chickasaw Farms is located at 609 W. Main, Davis, Oklahoma (due west of the Pizza Hut on Hwy 7). They are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and are closed for federal holidays. For more information, contact Karla Windyboy at karla.windyboy@chickasaw.net or call (580) 235-7234 or (580) 436-2603, extension 21091.

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Genealogy Day

The Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center hosts annual Genealogy Day March 14.

This year’s event will feature a genealogist panel discussion, children’s family tree activity, ancestry website help session and a genealogy lecture.

All activities are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7103.

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Garland, Texas city council had considered destroying historic Pace House to make room for apartments

Chickasaw family saves historic home from wrecking ball

GARLAND, Texas - A Chickasaw citizen and his wife are responsible for saving an 1895-vintage historic home from the wrecking ball

Louis A. Moore Jr., and his wife, Kay were struck by the similarities between their hometown's Historic Pace House and the Historic Chickasaw White House at Emet, Oklahoma. Both houses date to the late 1890s, are Queen Anne style - popular in that era - and are of similar size and condition.

Dallas-area city officials had considered bulldozing the Historic Pace House in Garland to make way for modern improvements.

On October 15 the Moores moved the Historic Pace House to a vacant lot adjacent to their Garland home. The move followed 18 months of negotiations that saw the house's plight featured in numerous publications including This Old House magazine.

The Moores have been active in historic preservation in Garland and Dallas. Mr. Moore serves as chair of the Garland mayor's task force on historical preservation. He is also a trustee for Dallas' famed Heritage Village located in Old City Park in downtown Dallas. He is in his seventh year

on Garland's Plan Commission. The Moores are members of Garland's Landmark Society and Preservation Garland.

When it became clear the Pace House was of significant historical interest, a process was engineered to choose someone to save the house. The Moores were selected over some 400 applicants in a nationwide search. The couple presented an established plan to relocate the house to Garland's first official Historic District. The house originally was the major farmhouse on a cotton farm owned by Garland pioneers John and Nina Pace.

Mr. Moore spearheaded a citizen group to save the Pace House after the city council in the spring of 2013 considered razing it to build some apartments in downtown Garland. The group persuaded city council to put the historic home, along with a second threatened building, the

1870-era Lyles-Tinsley House (similar in style to the Dwight Eisenhower home in Denison, Texas), on a trailer while an alternative plan could be found.

Ultimately, the city said it could afford to retain only one of the two houses, the older Lyles-Tinsley, and offered to donate the Pace House to a private individual who would pay to have it moved. The Moores live less than two miles from downtown in the Travis College Hill Historic District, the newly recognized district, which dates to 1913. The city deemed that of all applications, the Moores' was the best location for the house's new permanent home.

The Pace House had been used since 1985 as a special events center for the city but in its new spot will be returned to a private residence.

The arrival of the Pace House in the Moores' neighborhood, at Garland's South 11th Street between Avenues B and D (the city's original Garland Avenue), is the capstone of a major renewal effort under way since May 2013. The Moores and their neighbors worked closely with Garland police, city government, and the local school district to help prepare the area for the Pace House.

Mr. Moore is the grandson of original enrollee Thomas Nowell Moore.



Chickasaw citizen Louis Moore and his wife, Kay, in front of the historic Pace House as it moves through the downtown area of Garland, Texas to a lot adjacent to their home. The Garland City Council once had considered bulldozing it to make room for downtown improvements.

GREENWOOD

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Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

Mr. Greenwood is recognizable to many for his participation in the Chickasaw Nation's United We Thrive commercials. He appeared in Last of the Mohicans, and in the independent documentary I Said I Would Never Paint This Way Again.

The Denver show included

works of 65 artists from the U.S., Canada and Europe. Participating artists are considered among the finest contemporary realists working in a variety of mediums from oil and photography to clay and bronze.

The acrylic painting included elk teeth, artificial sinew and was displayed on a 24 x 30 canvas.

Native Sisters was selected the featured image for the Native Crossroads Film Festival in Norman, Okla., Feb. 26-28. Mr. Greenwood will display the work at the world-class Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival June 5-7 in Oklahoma City.

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Brent Greenwood's Native Sisters was "Best of Show" at the Denver art gala.

Native Explorers Accepting Applications for College Trip

The Native Explorers college trip will be May 18-29, 2015.

The Chickasaw Nation Native Explorers Program provides out of the classroom, hands-on experience that will strengthen a student's knowledge of science, medicine and native cultures. Students will learn how Native cultures complement the natural world and medicine, while creating lifelong professional networks and friendships.

The Native Explorers Program College Trip will explore three states: New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Interested students must be Native American and submit an online application by March 15. To submit an online application, visit the website below.

<http://www.nativeexplorers.org/apply-today>

For more information, please contact Germaine Fields (580)421-7711 ext. 60905 germaine.fields@chickasaw.net

The Chickasaw Nation Internship Program

The program works as a partnership with leaders across the country to provide an exclusive educational opportunity to exceptional Chickasaw students.

Internships are available in the following areas:

-History	-Human Resources
-Agriculture	-Native American Studies
-Business	-Communications
-Accounting	-Anthropology
& Many More	

This program is designed to train young leaders to identify problems and implement lasting solutions through collaborative working relationships with government and business leaders.

Interns are provided an eight-week internship opportunity, bi-weekly pay, one round-trip ticket to the internship location and housing accommodations.

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a Chickasaw citizen
- Be between the ages of 18-25
- Be a full-time college student enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student when submitting application
- Complete an intern application and submit all documentation
- If selected, sign an agreement to participate in the program

The summer internship application deadline is

March 1, 2015

Please contact Catie Hamilton at (580) 436-7258 or by email at catie.hamilton@chickasaw.net, or visit www.chickasaw.net to obtain an application.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center is hosting a Document Shredding Event

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Businesses welcome.

Youth Arts Month Celebration

Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities is celebrating Youth Arts Month - Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.-noon at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

The theme for this year's event, "Dancing with the Arts," will include frequent breaks for kids to cut loose and show their dancing skills.

Several interactive booths will have activities such as martial arts, art projects and trivia.

- A special vocal performance is scheduled.
- Chickasaw Kids mascots will be on-site to meet all visitors.

Every March, the tribal division of arts and humanities hosts the carnival-like event to celebrate the national Youth Art Month to advocate for the Arts.

Established in 1961, Youth Art Month is sponsored by The Council for Art Education, Inc. and the Art & Creative Materials Institute to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children.

The Chickasaw Community Center is located at 700 North Mississippi.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email Gwen.Postoak@Chickasaw.net.

Gregory Duane Rodgers



Gregory Duane “Greg” Rodgers, 46, died December 17, 2014. He was born in Oklahoma City on September 8, 1968 to Al and Sheron Rodgers and was the great-grandson of Chickasaw original enrollee, Frances Malachi Turnbull Folsom.

Mr. Rodgers graduated from Putnam City (OK) High School in 1986. He was interested in everything. He loved his family and friends, meeting new people and traveling to new places. He had a brilliant mind and a boundless curiosity. A proud citizen of the Choctaw Nation, he was a lifelong learner, graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Native American Studies. He became a Choctaw storyteller of national renown. He wrote three books — “The Ghost of Mingo Creek and Other Spooky Oklahoma Legends,” “One Dark Night in Oklahoma” and a highly popular children’s book, “Chukfi Rabbit’s Big Bad Bellyache.” He was a member of the Territory Tellers of Oklahoma.

As an oral performer, Greg was a quiet genius, ushering the audience down a path of faith and fear and always ending in triumph of the good. Those fortunate enough to have seen him perform the Trail of Tears story, “Harriet’s Burden,” will never forget that experience. He will be with us as a rabbit trickster, a protective panther and a spirit canine.

In August 2012, he moved to Urbana-Champaign to attend the University of Illinois to pursue his master’s degree in creative writing. As part of that program, he taught numerous classes and was respected and liked by both students and faculty.

Mr. Rodgers had a generous heart, freely sharing his time and talents with others. Affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution, he traveled throughout the country conducting workshops and telling stories before audiences of thousands.

He was a member of a large and loving extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins who were devastated by his death at such an early age.

In the preface of his first, and as yet unpublished, novel, he wrote: “Our Choctaw homelands speak to us in many voices. They are mostly soft and caring — summer rain dripping through a forest of pines, wind whistling across a mountain lake, rippling the waters — but on the worst of nights, the land emits a terrible scream. Our places can feel pain, deep and connected to all. They know of death, and life, and death again.”

He was preceded in death by his father, Al Rodgers, and grandparents, Ralph and Pauline Rodgers, and R.L. “Tubby” Folsom.

He is survived by his mother, Sheron Folsom Rodgers, of Warr Acres, Okla., his two sisters, Robyn Fansler, of Oklahoma City, and Dondi Rodgers, of Warr Acres, and his grandmother, Mae Folsom, of Warr Acres.

Greg enjoyed a delightful relationship as “Uncle Gregg” with nieces and nephews, Chris, Carly, Lexi, Cameron, Stevie and Dylan Fansler and Malachie Rodgers.

A memorial service was December 21, 2014 at Forest Hill Christian Church with burial in Resurrection Cemetery in Oklahoma City. Brother Olin Williams and Tim Tingle officiated.

Kendall Karyl Ellis



Kendall Karyl Ellis, 55, was born April 18, 1959 in Topeka, Kansas. She died January 31, 2015 at her home in Mounds, Okla.

Ms. Ellis previously lived in Claremore, Okla., and earned her associates degree in liberal arts from Rogers State College. She later joined the U.S. Navy and served her country from 1988 to 1992, when she was honorably discharged. While in the Navy, she attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and became a licensed airframe and power plant mechanic. She then worked for American Airlines before retiring.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Judith Ann (Culver) Turnage, and her grandparents, Leonard “Brandy” Culver and Nancy Voncille (Sumpter) Harjo.

She is survived by her father, Odell Turnage, of Mounds; a sister, Teri Stamper and husband, Tom, of Mounds; nieces, Mollie Devereaux and husband, Josh, of Claremore, and Brittany Stamper, of Mounds; nephews, Pake and Sam Stamper, of Mounds; great grandmother, Sis Culver, of Houston; an uncle, Curtis Culver, of Houston; aunts, Evelyn Culver, of California, and Betty Culver, of Pawhuska, Okla.; cousins from California, Molly, Anne, Paul and Sam Culver; and very special friends, Ellin Henderson, of Beggs, Okla., Mary Jo Fools, of Claremore, and the Beams family, of McAlester, Okla.

A service to celebrate Ms. Ellis’ life was Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Beggs, Okla.

Honorary casket bearers were Sam Stamper, Pake Stamper, Ricky Beams, David Henderson, Randy Beams and Curtis Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Okmulgee Humane Society in Ms. Ellis’s name.

Clinton Allen Collins



Clinton Allen Collins, 57, of Buhl, Idaho, died at home in his sleep from a probable heart attack on November 10 or 11, 2014.

Mr. Collins was born in Bremerton, Wash., on June 5, 1957 to Cecil and Carol Collins. He was the first of three children.

Mr. Collins graduated from high school and went on to become a heavy equipment operator. He also completed a four-year apprenticeship at Puget Sound Navel Shipyard in Bremerton, and retired as a sheet metal journeyman. He moved to Buhl, Idaho to be near relatives and to enjoy the natural surroundings of southern Idaho.

Mr. Collins enjoyed photography, fishing and spending time with good friends and neighbors. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a continuing member of “Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church” of Bremerton. He was also very proud of his Chickasaw heritage. His great-grandfather, Odus Lynn Collins, was full blood Chickasaw and both he and Mr. Collins’ grandfather, Cecil Cline Collins, were original enrollees, numbers 101 and 4007, respectively.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Michael David Collins. He was divorced and leaves no children.

He is survived by his parents, Cecil and Carol Collins; sister, Leslie L. McCartney; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and his little dog, Schnitzel.

A memorial service was Dec. 12, 2014 at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Bremerton, Wash.

Harvey Lee Adcock



Harvey Lee Adcock, 74, of Okmulgee, Okla., died January 22, 2015. He was the son of Thomas and Flossie Adcock.

Mr. Adcock was the former owner of the Boy Howdy Variety Store in Okmulgee, and had many occupations over his active life. He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Okmulgee Masonic Lodge and was proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Anita Marie Adcock; his mother, Flossie Lee Adcock; his father, Thomas Harvey Adcock; and brother, Willis Paul Adcock, all of the Quinton, Okla. area.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Retha Sue Adcock (Childers), of Okmulgee; daughter, Sandra Suiter-Gayer, of Morris, Okla.; son, Daniel Harvey Adcock, of Okmulgee; and daughter, Rebekah Adcock, of Moore, Okla. Harvey was blessed with eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Harvey will be missed by all. “He will live in our hearts and memories forever; until we meet again.”

Ola Mae Reddinger



Ola Mae Wolfe Crutchfield Reddinger, 89, died Feb 1, 2015, in Ada, Okla. She was born June 4, 1925 in Kingston, Okla. to Loman and Mandy Beulah (Mathews) Wolf.

Mrs. Reddinger was Chickasaw and Irish. She was raised in Oklahoma, lived in Natchez, Miss., Memphis, Ohio and Florida before finally settling on the family homestead back in Oklahoma.

She valued her many friends and enjoyed social outings. She loved her church, animals, gardening, sewing, music and reading. She was a superb seamstress and fashioned her own clothing most of her life. As a young mother, she enjoyed nature and took her children on many excursions to woods, parks, zoos, swimming and camping. She was trained as a practical nurse and in her later years was a visiting caretaker for Chickasaw senior citizens. She was vibrant, creative, full of energy and beautiful.

She was preceded in death by her son, Eddie Crutchfield, who died in 1974, and a grandson, Tommy Butler, who died in 1968. She is survived by a daughter, Stephanie Crutchfield Butler Wolf, of Memphis; a son, Delton Stanley Crutchfield, of Blue Mountain, Miss.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was buried in Shay Cemetery near Kingston, Okla.

March

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THE CHICKASAW LANGUAGE

CHIKASHSHANOMPA'

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THE CHICKASAW ALPHABET

The Chickasaw language, *Chikashshanompa'*, was the primary dialect of Chickasaw people for hundreds of years. But today, fewer and fewer citizens know how to speak their native language, and the vast majority of fluent speakers are elders in the Nation.

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Pishokchi Paluska

Draw a line from the word to the correct object above!

Employee Service Awards



Anompa Himitta' Ilikba'shki: Creating New Words in Chickasaw

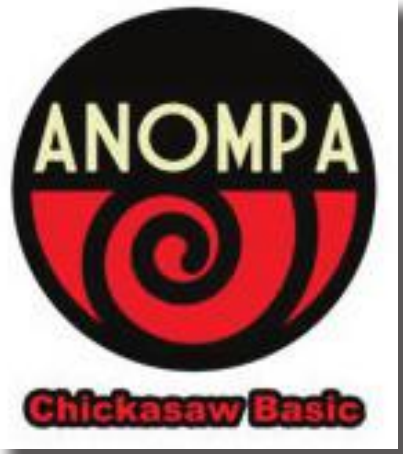
Chickasaw language app now on many phones

A web-based Chickasaw language application is now available to virtually all users of mobile devices. Until recently, only owners of Apple-based products could use the downloadable app for their mobile phones or iPads. Now, anyone who owns a mobile device with web-browsing capabilities may go to www.chickasaw.net/Anompa and call up the Chickasaw Basic Language Webb App. Once there, the Chickasaw

language comes to life, with words and phrases users may both read and hear. Basic greetings, names of animals and plants, common phrases, the Chickasaw alphabet and a host of other tools are available to explore and appreciate the beauty of the Chickasaw language. The language app is part of the effort the Chickasaw Nation is making to encourage daily use of the language in conversation. Having the language tools at

the disposal of mobile device users without the need to download the application to their machines is a plus. All users will be given the full app on the web-based platform which they may explore anytime they wish.

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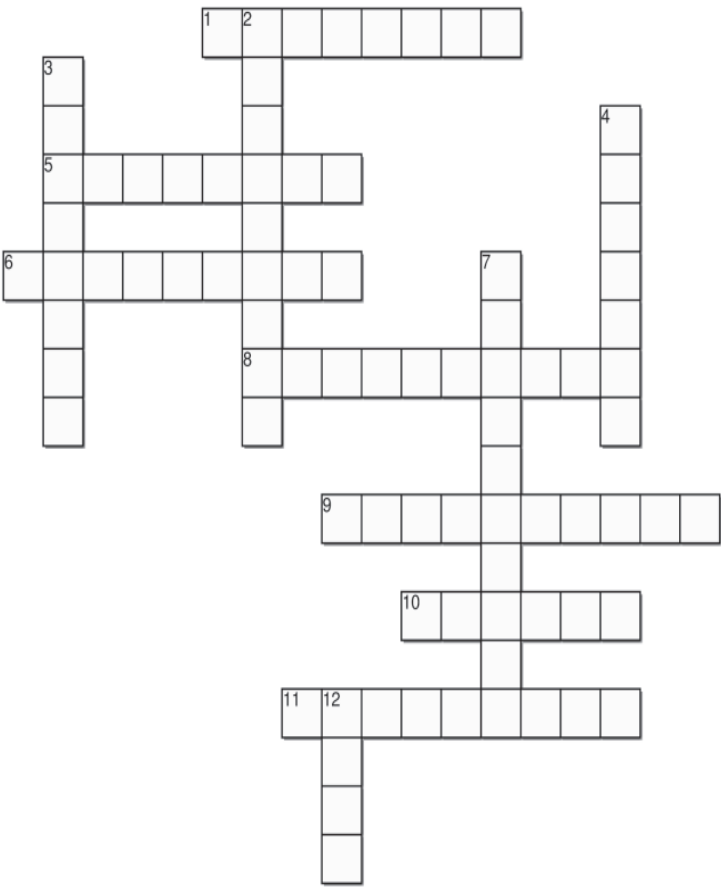
Anompa Himitta':

New Words from the Chickasaw Language Committee

hattak illapa' / shokha' hakshop kallo'	'armadillo'
naki' tokafishto'	'atomic bomb'
oktak shawi'	'badger'
nannishmallichi'	'battery'
choosi	'to choose'
inchoosi	'to choose for'
toksala'pa sikopa'	'dinosaur'
Ishshoka' Holisso	'Facebook'
shokha' haloppa', shokha' woksho ihaloppa'	'hedgehog'
nannola'	'iPod'
bashpo falaa' ashoppala'	'lightsaber'
anompa himitta'	'neologism'
anompa' ittibaakaachi'	'sentence,
	'grammatical unit'
holba' ishtchokoshkomo'	'video game'
oktaak ofi	'prairie dog'
nannimilhlha'	'wild animals'

New Chickasaw Words

Complete the crossword below



Created on TheTeachersCorner.net Crossword Maker

- Across
- Down
1. Ishshoka' Holisso - name of a social-networking service and website, launched in 2004

5. toksala'pa sikopa' - terrible lizard

6. anompa himitta' - introduction or use of new words or new senses of existing words

8. bashpo falaa' ashoppala' - sword-like device used by the Jedi and members of the dark side

9. naki' tokafishto' - powered by nuclear fission, and therefore produces a quick release of energy and great destruction

10. oktaak shawi' - burrowing carnivorous mammal

11. holba' ishtchokoshkomo' - interactive electronic amusement device
2. hattak illapa' / shokha' hakshop kallo' - burrowing mammal having a protective covering of boney plates

3. shokha' haloppa' / shokha' woksho ihaloppa' - small insect eating mammal having spiny hairs on its back and sides

4. nannishmallichi' - combination of two or more cells electrically connected to work together to produce electric energy

7. oktaak ofi' - burrowing rodent having a barklike cry

12. nannola' - brand of portable digital media player

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

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